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—from "Photograms
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AIR RAID COVER State Offers Life Insurance

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DETAILS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME TO
INSURE CIVILIANS AGAINST DEATH OR
INJURY FROM AIR RAIDS OR OTHER ENEMY
ACTION WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY SIR KINGSLEY
WOOD, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, IN A
FEW DAYS.

Terms of premium are now
being worked out by Govern-
ment actuaries, in collabora-
tion with insurance 'com-
panies' experts.

They will be more generous
than would be possible under a
purely commercial scheme.

Also in the next few days the
Government will announce details
of their scheme of more generous
compensation to all civilians—ordi-
nary citizens as well as members
of the civil defence services—who
are killed or injured by enemy
action.

Payments under this scheme will
be a clear gift from the State and
will be separate from the life insur-
ance scheme.

The present maximum compensa-
tion is 34s. 2d. to an adult man
for complete disablement.

The new scheme will increase
the payments by several shillings
a week, bringing them more into

line with the Workmen's Com-
pensation Act scale.

Another concession is that wives
of working men will be eligible for
compensation if they are injured.

ENEMY RAIDERS GO NORTH AND WEST

Following Friday's rest-day from
air raids, German planes were
over several districts of Britain
yesterday.

East Anglia, Liverpool and
North-East England and South
Wales all reported enemy planes
in the vicinity.

A single aircraft dropped bombs
late yesterday afternoon at a place
in the West Midlands. Shops and
houses were damaged. A small
number of people were killed and
some others injured.

There was no "Alert" in London
during daylight; and a warning in
the early evening was soon followed
by the "Raiders passed."

PRINCESSES HAVE MANSION BOMBED

LONDON home of Princess
Helena Victoria and Princess
Marie Louise in Pall Mall was
among buildings bombed during
recent air attacks on the West
End.

Two incendiaries penetrated the
roof of the house and caused some
damage to the dining-room before
they were put out.

CANADIAN MINISTER ON LOST SHIP

New York, Saturday.

ANSOS FROM THE STEAMER WESTERN PRINCE,
STATING THAT SHE HAD BEEN TORPEDOED
IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC MIDWAY BETWEEN
IRELAND AND ICELAND, HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY
THE MACKAY RADIO IN NEW YORK.

A message from Port Pat-
rick Radio, which was inter-
cepted, said that the Western
Prince was torpedoed at
8.2 a.m.

Reports that Mr. Howe,
Canadian Minister of Muni-
cations, was on board the vessel
are confirmed by the Furness
Withy Co.

With Mr. Howe on his visit to
London were Mr. E. P. Taylor,
Joint Director-General of Muni-

tions Production, Colonel W. C.
Woodward, a member of Mr.
Howe's Department, and Mr.
Gordon Scott, financial adviser to
his Department.

The Western Prince, according to
Lloyd's Register, is a vessel of
10,326 tons, owned by the Prince
Line, Ltd.

The British ship Orari (10,350
tons) has been torpedoed in the
Atlantic about 750 miles off the
French Coast. Mackay radio also
reports.—B.U.P. and A.P.

FRANCE DRAMATIC Laval Flandin

SPECIAL
FRENCHMEN LAST
MOST DRAMATIC
THEIR LAND SIN
AGGRESSION.

They heard the voice of
Marshal Petain announce
over the Lyons radio:

"Frenchmen, I have just
taken a decision which I trust is
in the interests of the country.
M. PIERRE LAVAL IS NO
LONGER A MEMBER OF THE
GOVERNMENT.

"M. Pierre Etienne Flandin has
taken the portfolio of foreign
affairs.

"Constitutional Act No. 4 which
nominated my successor (Laval) is
cancelled.

"It is for reasons of internal
policy that I have taken this de-
cision. It has no repercussions at all
on our relations with Germany."

The aged Premier ended:—
"I remain at the helm—national
revolution continues."

The message, no doubt a record-
ing, was in the Marshal's own
voice, and the "Marseillaise" was
played at the end of the broad-
cast.

ARREST REPORT

According to reports circulating
in Berne diplomatic circles last
night Laval has been taken into
custody.

Commenting on the broadcast,
the Lyons radio said that Petain
had notified Hitler of Laval's
nomination and that Flandin
appeared "more apt than his pre-
decessor to follow a policy of col-
laboration between France and
Germany."

A second Cabinet change an-
nounced by Marshal Petain is M.
Ripert's replacement as Minister
for Public Instruction by M.
Jacques Chevallier.

Laval's successor, an ex-Premier
of France, is fifty-six years old. He
speaks English fluently and, in the
past, had many friends in this
country.

In March, 1936, when Hitler
marched into the Rhineland,
Flandin took a strong line against
Germany, demanding immediate
action.

Flandin's appointment puts an
end to the pro-Hitler activities
of Laval, whose part in the be-
trayal and downfall of France
revealed him as an unscrupulous
and greedy traitor.

Although Petain's sacking of
Laval has yet to be explained, there
seems little doubt that the move
indicates a revival of French
nationalism which may have been
caused by news of Greek and
British successes against the
Italians.

"SIGN OF UNREST" —FREE FRENCH PARTY

A FRENCHMAN in close touch
with the Free French party
in London told "The People" that
the news of Laval's dismissal was
regarded as proof of France's slow
but sure awakening to the reality
of the situation.

"The French people are realis-
ing more each day that there can
be no future for their country
with a British victory," he said.
"I regard the sacking of Laval as
another sign of the growing un-
rest."

"It shows that his proposed
system of co-operation did not
succeed, and that Petain's Govern-
ment, directed by the politicians
behind him, has no real stability."



The image is a vertical composite. The left half shows a newspaper page with several headlines and articles. At the top, there's a small advertisement for 'H-P SAUCE' with the slogan 'LEAVES CLEAN PLATES'. Below that, a large headline reads 'Thrills to Retain Broadcast' followed by 'Backed: Appointed'. The main article is titled 'Churchill's Own War' and describes a heavy bombing of a U-boat base at Bordeaux. Another article mentions a woman, Mrs. Etta Scriber, who has been detained in France. The right half of the image is an advertisement for 'Andrew's Liver Salt'. It features a black and white photograph of a smiling woman with blonde hair. To her left is a can of the product, labeled 'LIVER ANDREW'S LIVER SALT EFFERVESCENT'. A speech bubble from the woman says 'Excuse me - for lasting freshness Inner Cleanliness comes first!'. Below the woman's photo, there's text explaining the benefits of the product, such as refreshing the mouth and tongue, settling the stomach, and improving liver health. The advertisement concludes with the brand name 'ANDREWS' in large, bold letters.

MINISTRY OF FOOD

FOOD QUIZ

Christmas Party Quiz

GET out your pencils, all you housewives and fighters on the Kitchen Front—and see how many answers to the quiz you get right. Top marking is 20. That would make you a cook-General! A score of 15 or over qualifies you as an Officer. If you score between 15 and 10 you won't lose your stripes, but you don't qualify for a commission. If you score under 10 you are R.T.U. ("returned to Unit") because that must mean that you haven't studied "Food Facts," regularly appearing in this paper. Slope Pencils! Write!

- (1) Three of the following are protective foods, three supply energy. Which is which? Carrots, flour, tomatoes, wholemeal bread, dripping, rice. (Six marks, one for each correct answer.)
- (2) What is the principal reason why you should buy home produced foods? (One mark.)
- (3) What is the rationed food that has recently been reduced in price, and by how much? (Two marks.)
- (4) The new rationing period starts on one of these dates. Which is correct? January 1st, January 6th, January 15th, April 1st. (Two marks.)
- (5) What time is the Kitchen Front broadcast? (One mark.)
- (6) Auntie threw her rinds away. To the look-up she was taken. There she is and there she'll stay. Fill in the last line. (Two marks.)
- (7) Mrs. Bardell, in Dickens' Pickwick Papers, ate "petticoats". What were they? (Two marks.)
- (8) Which are the two most valuable root vegetables? (Two marks, one for each.)
- (9) For which important cereal is Scotland famous? (One mark.)
- (10) What is a hay-box? Is it (a) a fixture in a stable, (b) an actor's make-up box, (c) a fuel economiser, (d) a talkative old lady. (One mark.)

Answers

- (These are printed upside down so that you do not look before you should!)
- (1) (10) Carrots, flour, tomatoes, wholemeal bread, dripping, rice. (2) To save shipping. (3) To save shipping. (4) January 1st. (5) 8.15 a.m. (6) To save her bacon. (7) Petticoats. (8) Carrots, tomatoes, and potatoes. (9) Oats. (10) (a) A fixture in a stable, (b) an actor's make-up box, (c) a fuel economiser, (d) a talkative old lady.

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, S.W. 1



FEET WON'T LET YOU DOWN
If You Rub Them with Zam-Buk
Hours of standing and walking—shopping, housework, on A.R.P., or other National duty—are liable to cause weary, painful feet. But your feet won't give you a moment's trouble if you give them a nightly rub over with Zam-Buk. Pain and swelling are thus quickly relieved, soreness and chilblains are healed and corns easily removed. Start with Zam-Buk to-night. (7d., 1/5, 3/5).

Zam-Buk
Ends Tiredness & Pain: Removes Corns

DRY SCALP
makes hair dull, lifeless

Dry scalp causes dull, lifeless hair, dandruff, even baldness. "Vaseline" Hair Tonic ends dry scalp, makes the hair shine, the hair stronger. Get a bottle today.
P.S.—Don't forget to use "Vaseline" Soapless Shampoo

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CAN YOU SEE YOURSELF AS OTHERS SEE YOU?

WHAT do your friends and your acquaintances think about you? Do they find you clear-eyed, alert and cheerful—a healthy, self-confident man, on top of his job? If that is their verdict, then you are to be congratulated. You don't need to read further.

But if you've got to make excuses for yourself—

You don't need to be ashamed. Thousands are in the same boat. But there's no sense in carrying on, week after week, month after month, half awake, half alive and half well.

Nearly always the cause of this condition is the presence of poisonous toxins clogging your bloodstream. You guessed this already? Very likely, but why don't you do something about it? Why don't you set to work to kick these toxins out?

It's easy, if you go about it the right way. You only need to keep your bowels quiet and your kidneys well flushed. Kruschen, by being diuretic as well as laxative, gets rid of poisons by operations at once, safely and naturally.

Is there any reason why you should not start today on the climb back to normal? Try a pinch of Kruschen first thing every morning—just enough to cause a sispence.

Kruschen costs little—6d., 1/- and 1/6. Good health for a fortnight a day. Don't waste another day—now, not tomorrow, is the time to start on Kruschen. All chemists have it. (Price subject to purchase two).

Make your own Cough Mixture

For children and adults.
No other remedy gives quicker relief in the case of Coughs and Colds than this simple recipe, which can be made at home very easily. It contains 10 separate medicinal ingredients but you can get them all concentrated together in exactly the right proportions by asking your chemist for 1 ounce of Parmit (Double Strength). You pour the Parmit into half a pint of hot, not boiling water and you have the best cough and cold remedy yet tried. If you have a little sugar you can add this, while it is warm. It is one tablespoonful for children 8-12 years, one teaspoonful for children 4-7 years, to be taken four times a day.
From the first dose you feel relief, after the first checked and it clears the stuffed-up passages of the nose, throat and chest like magic. It is particularly good for children because they love its pleasant taste.

Adv.

AS SEES IT

ALL Australia—yes, and all New Zealand. I wrote elsewhere only last Wednesday, "is awaiting with avidity news from Egypt."

Suddenly, next day, the news came. It was better than we had dared to hope!

While British people were hearing, on the air, the thrilling news of the Italian disaster in Libya—news so important that one hesitates to predict, for fear of exaggeration, its effect on the war generally—the Rome radio sent out a pathetic plea.

Some Fascist Party boss appealed for "confidence, but silent confidence, in the Duce." He spoke of the "heroic days in the struggle with our eternal enemy, Great Britain."

He was talking of the Great Britain that befriended Garibaldi, the emancipator of Italy; the Great Britain that, with the French, had to go in to save Italy after Caporetto!

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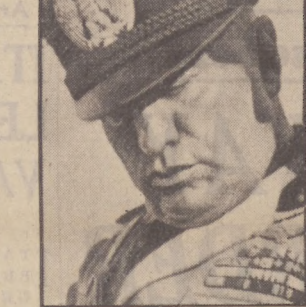
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DOWN IN THE MOUTH!

came, dramatically, the news of the blow struck by our seaplanes at the warships in Taranto.

It was the first time our seaplanes had been freely unleashed against an Italian Navy that claimed the Mediterranean as "Our Sea," but preferred to claim it while remaining safely, it thought—in port.

Meanwhile, there were being rushed to Egypt, or being sent there, Australians from Palestine, New Zealanders from Britain, Indian troops, soldiers in the British Army, tanks, guns and planes.

The Italians, facing a small force, the size of which we concealed by artifice, had advanced across the desert and were threatening Alexandria, Cairo, the Suez, Aden—and then?

Our transport system worked like a miracle. As the Mediterranean was by no means safe, we used the route right round the Cape.

Violent speeches were made in the House insisting on the use of our troops in Greece. Right in some of their demands, they called, though, for too much.

Our Norwegian adventure, undertaken too light-heartedly, had been a warning. If Greece failed, how should we get our forces away again?

So, using only planes and war-craft to help the Greeks, we got ready, in Egypt, an army which, only last week, was given the word, "March!"

The Aussies, who had come 13,000 miles to kill our enemies, said, "Now we can get at the swine!" Sons, many of them, of the men who had stormed Gallipoli, wearing, indeed, their fathers' badges, they yearned for a fight.

The New Zealanders, our own men, and Indians were not to be outdone even by eagerness like that.

Our First Land Victory

IT was a cheering Commons that heard Winston's news of the recapture of Sidi Barrani, guarded though were his words: "Seven thousand prisoners," he said, "in a comparatively short time it was 20,000. Really, it meant many more than that."

What the Greeks had done in Albania, chasing the Italians many miles into their own territory, we were doing, amid the sandy wastes of Libya.

Sidi Barrani is only a mud-hut town—but it was crammed with priceless stores, impossible to replace, now that we hold the seas.

Three battalions were surrounded, and the Italians were being destroyed from the skies. Our warships were pounding away on the coast road from the sea.

Britain had won her first military victory of the present war—and Egypt was safe.

The long months of constant energy in the workshops at home—the making of arms, the construction of planes—had earned their first reward.

The Italians were on the run—in Africa, as in Europe! Mussolini, indeed, was merely another Charlie Chaplin joke!

It was in Egypt, at the Battle of the Nile, that Napoleon suffered a defeat that was a prelude to Waterloo. It was in Egypt, too, that another dictator, this time only a tin-pot imitation, has had blows that, if continued, would lead to an Italian rising by a disillusioned peasantry and a general collapse.

Ambassador Who Was A Model

LORD LOTHIAN'S death in Washington was so unexpected that it happened within a few hours of a speech which he was to have made in Baltimore, but which, because he was indisposed, had to be read for him.

A Christian Scientist, Lothian refused to have medical aid, calling in, instead, a practitioner.

We lost when we needed him, the ambassador who had sent to Washington since Lord Bryce, author of the standard work on the American constitution.

Lothian who, as Philip Kerr, was L.G.'s right-hand man during the last war, would have made an admirable Vice-President of India, and a first-rate Foreign Secretary.

He played a big part at Versailles, and if, not more than two years ago, he did advocate an

You Will Agree We Want The Rule Of Reason

I AM BEING BOMBED. NOT BY EXPLOSIVES, BUT BY LETTERS ORDERING ME TO OBSERVE THE POLITICAL TRUCE.

Under different dates, a correspondent thinks me a Bolshy, or a Socialist. . . . I should worry. Because, to others, I am an enslaved Churchillite, a Fascist, and even a Boche Nazi.

Anyhow, this heated friend complains I am not sticking to my bargain. Here you are, week after week, he grumbles, doing the double-cross. You are shooting behind the white flag and poisoning the water-wells.

MY CORRESPONDENT INSISTS THAT I MUST CEASE CRITICISING THE GOVERNMENT. HE PLACES ME IN A POLITICAL PARTY WHICH I HAVEN'T GOT. NO, MY DEAR CORRESPONDENT, YOU ARE AS WRONG AS THE PUPIL MISTAKING THE PLUS FOR A MINUS.

Neither you, nor anyone, could possibly prove I have connections with any clique. Simply because those connections don't exist. Were I a being man, I would lay a level fire on that, and give my winnings for a Spitfire.

I am no hustled sheep, leaping along with the flock. I love to observe from a distance. I seek no reservation on a Westminster bench. I cringe to no Whip. I carry no chains of Parliamentary servitude.

Two inclinations, however, I do admit. I have an ache to see Nazi and Fascist murderers take the drop. I have a longing for British rationalism to supplant confusion during war and peace.

Are those your wishes, too, my correspondent? Or, are you a party man, with a sectionally selfish cake to bake? As a token, dear sir, allow me to review just one of the notions that may have caused you annoyance.

Perhaps it will convince you that disinterested advice can be more serviceable than bigotry.

Peace me, therefore, no more truces. Listen, instead. I pray you, to a contribution on war aims.

AMONG MY NOTIONS HAS BEEN ONE OF A NEW VENTURE IN OUR COUNTRY—AN ORDER OF GREATER NATIONALISATION OF INDUSTRIAL EFFORT.

I say that this nationalisation should go ahead at once, wherever and whenever necessity presses most.

In war, and in peace also, it would get us where most of us would like to get—in half the time.

Perhaps, my dear objector, you object again. Perhaps you would like me to remain silent on sacrifices that miss the few.

Maybe, the few includes yourself.

Perhaps you are agreeable to authoritative folly that fits in beautifully with the wishes of social separatists.

Possibly you would prefer more red posters on cheerfulness, and tags about Hitler and his bus.

Possibly you are worrying lest those changes—projected six months ago—may soon be carried into execution.

I mean proposals made, not by me, but by our leaders who have full powers of control.

Do you remember the kick the nation got from those Cabinet promises of intensive and extensive State management?

We understood that Governmental commandeering of war essentials, material and personal, was to multiply terrible war supplies.

They were only promises. Since then, we have heard of hundreds of thousands of conscripted soldiers, but not of similar widespread appropriation of factories, machines, or even binoculars.

IN THIS WAR, FOUGHT FOR THE NATION'S EXISTENCE, PROPERTY SUITED TO THE OUTPUT OF WAR GOODS REMAINS UNTOUCHED—WHILE HUMAN LIVES ARE TAKEN, AS NECESSARY.

Earl Winterlton was right. No horse should go to the Boche's Brook of compulsion. Not, I add, even the old property horse.

These promises of war time nationalisation must be fulfilled. The war needs it. Victory calls for it.

There are still hundreds of thousands of unemployed eager to be called upon for industrial service.

Let me assure Mr. Bevin and Mr. Churchill that our people are ready to go far along the road of co-operation, providing all are made to co-operate.

But then, I want Britain to win through, by the

powerful momentum of united effort.

I want the Government to say "We want those machines as well as 'We want you.' That way lies the maximum of material and economy of effort."

FOR ALL THIS, I SHALL BE CALLED A PARTY MAN. BUT THIS DEMAND IS NO PARTY STUNT. IT IS A CALL FOR THE RULE OF REASON.

It is a call for the elimination of a haphazardness. In peace time, we have had unemployment, slums, artificial shortages, huge fortunes and a hundred other ills.

Can any sane person doubt that this mass of evil could have been greatly reduced? And the appropriate method

BY "THE PHILOSOPHER"

was by abolishing those forms of so-called "freedom" which were so obviously letting down the common good.

We shall, of course, have the parrot objections that State employment encourages carelessness and destroys initiative.

We shall have the Russian bogey dangled before us. Yet I have never heard of serious complaints against Post Office efficiency.

This regulated industry, among others, has for years been delivering the goods—with a promptness and smoothness which cannot be denied.

I advise more nationalisation for war output, immediately.

I suggest an authoritative promise of well-considered progressive nationalisation when the war is won.

NATIONALISATION SHOULD BE DECLARED AS ONE OF OUR WAR METHODS, AND ONE OF OUR CHIEF POST-WAR INTENTIONS.

THE HEARTS OF BRITONS ought not to be set against one another, but set with one another, and all against the evil things only.

AND FOR ALL THIS, PLEASE PITY ME, BECAUSE I SHALL RECEIVE MY WEEKLY EXHORTATION TO OBSERVE THE TRUCE.

Her husband saved her with HALL'S WINE

It is hardly believable that I was so very ill only three weeks ago

Only a fortnight last Saturday the doctor told my husband I would not live.

Fortunately, Mr. — gave his wife Hall's Wine. She says that after a few days she was "a different person."

This is only one of thousands of cases of extreme illness turned to complete recovery—because of the very valuable help of Hall's Wine!

HALL'S WINE—a natural life-force

If you could only read all the letters we have received in the last fifty years! Thousands of letters, most of them picturing scenes of tragic ill-health completely transformed by Hall's Wine. It is because in Hall's Wine there is a certain

natural life-force that enriches your blood and gives it new life. Scientists say that only in such a combination it is possible to administer to the human system this vital force, which is in Hall's Wine. More than thirty active elements restore health and life itself. By nature's marvellous works and man's scientific medication, Hall's Wine will lift you clean out of ill-health into a new life! Get a bottle today.

From Wine Merchants and Grocers and Chemists with Wine Licences. Stephen Smith & Co. Ltd., Bow, London, E.3.

HALL'S WINE
No increase in price at present
LARGE BOTTLE 6/6 Smaller Size 3/9

Fuehrer's Latest

BABY TANKS TO INVADE BRITAIN

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

HITLER, IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IS BUILDING THOUSANDS OF BABY TANKS, CAPABLE OF CARRYING TWO MEN EACH—A DRIVER AND A MACHINE-GUNNER.

They form part of his invasion programme, and his scheme is that the tanks, containing the crew with the iron rations and ammunition they need, shall be landed in this country by aeroplane.

Tests that have been carried out in East Prussia show that technically this is a possibility. Special large freight planes have each taken one tank aboard at Prague, have flown with them to East Prussia, and have there landed safely and disembarked their loads.

These tanks are now being turned out on a mass-production basis in three factories in Czechoslovakia:—
1.—The Skoda works.
2.—The Breilfeld and Danek works.
3.—The Cesko Moravska factory.

Several thousand artisans are employed on the manufacture of the tanks. Many of them are engineers who have been transferred from Germany.

HUNDREDS WEEKLY Others are local Czechs, who have been conscripted for the work.

The tanks are being turned out at the rate of hundreds a week in Czechoslovakia.

Whether they are also being manufactured in factories in the Reich it is impossible to ascertain. It is more difficult to obtain exact news from Berlin in these days than it is through the underground channels that still link London with Prague.

But it is quite likely that large-scale production is also taking place in Germany, for the engineers who went from Germany to supervise the work in the three Czech factories were already fully experienced in their task when they arrived in Prague.

That certainly seems to indicate that they had been doing the work before.

SHE WAS AUNT OF DUCHESS OF KENT
PRINCESS MARIE OF GREECE, aunt of King George of Greece and the Duchess of Kent, has died here, aged 64, of a heart attack.

She was born on February 20, 1876, and married, in 1900, Grand Duke George Michailovitch of Russia, who was killed in the Russian Revolution.

In 1922 she was married to Admiral Pericles Ioannides. Until the beginning of the war she lived in Rome, then returned to her native country.—Reuter.

Rail Dogs 'Get Their Man'

LIKE the Canadian Mounties, highly trained Alsatian dogs used by the police at important L.N.E.R. traffic centres always "get their man."

Recently two would-be thieves escaped from a policeman by climbing over a wall and seemed certain to get clear until the constable's Alsatian leapt after them and "arrested" both.

The dogs accompany detectives on patrol in the black-out. They are trained to "announce" the presence of anyone near. If the policeman's challenge is unanswered, they will, if told, attack immediately.

They are not vicious. Their job is to keep suspects at bay until the policeman arrives.

WARSAW'S GHETTO FOR JEWS

Berlin, Saturday.

SEPARATION of the Jewish quarter of Warsaw for the rest of the city is now complete, says the German News Agency.

All comings and goings in the district are under special control and in the tram Jews are segregated from non-Jewish passengers. Administration of the Jewish quarter will be carried out by the Jews themselves, the chief of the Jewish Council being made responsible to the Nazi commandant for law and order.

"The community is to be self-supporting," stated the German agency. "The Jews must live on what they themselves produce in their own shops, or pay for produce by some form of return service."—Reuter.

DUKE'S FUND GROWS

The Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund stands at £4,106,000, an increase during the week of £491,000.

Whaddya Mean, No Reply!



Sleepers Bar Pet

SHELTER ROW OVER MONKEY

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

PRESENCE OF A PET MONKEY IN A WEST END TUBE SHELTER LED TO A DISTURBANCE AMONG PEOPLE SLEEPING THERE AND A POLICEMAN BEING CALLED TO EJECT THE MONKEY AND ITS WOMAN OWNER.

A sequel was heard at Westminster yesterday when the owner, Mrs. Eleanor Hardingham, aged forty-six, was accused of insulting behaviour.

P.C. Lindenburn said he was called by a porter at the station and he found shelterers were complaining that they could not sleep alongside Mrs. Hardingham because of the monkey which she had in a basket.

She was asked to remove the monkey, but refused. She then became abusive to everyone, the officer said. Mrs. Hardingham eventually had to be ejected, and in the process she kicked him and caused a disturbance outside the shelter.

Mrs. Hardingham told the magistrate, Mr. Ronald Powell, that after being bombed out of her home a fortnight ago she and her husband had used the shelter every night, but it was not until Friday night that objection was taken to the presence of the monkey.

She easily became hysterical at night as a result of her experience in raids.

COURT SYMPATHY
The woman's husband, Vivian Charles Hardingham, described as a Civil Servant, said that the monkey was never allowed out of the basket.

On his giving an undertaking that the monkey would not be taken to the shelter again, and cause a disturbance the case was dismissed with a caution.

"I do not know whether there is a rule about animals in shelters. It is just a question that the public dislikes monkeys being brought in," the magistrate said.

"One realises that the stations are very crowded, and if great care is not taken about the behaviour of the people and the things they take down, the places might become very objectionable."

"I quite sympathise with the people who complained of this monkey."

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!

TO the following readers "The People" offers sincere congratulations on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries:

GOLDEN.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Radford, 82, Blackburn-rd., Clayton, near Accrington, Lancs.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis, 3, West-st., Poole, Dorset; Mr. and Mrs. E. Barlow, 10, Council-ave., Northfleet, Kent; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Symes, Fairmead, Christchurch, Hants.

SILVER.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fryer, 16, Myrtle-st., Leicester; Mr. and Mrs. T. Tittley, 29, Francis-rd., Smethwick, Staffs.; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Goddard, 2, Abbey-rd., Waltham Cross, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lord, 4, Fairmead, Twickenham, Surrey; Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodruff, 1, Acree-rd., Middleton, Leeds 10; Mr. and Mrs. H. Holt, Nightingale-rd., Guildford; Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, 38, Margaret-ave., Rusden, Northants.

ALSO TO—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Davis, Station House, Dymock, Glos. (30 years wed.); Mr. and Mrs. H. Moxley (late West. Ham), The Cottage Dry-st., Laindon Hills, Essex (28 years wed.); Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Griffiths, 9, Market-st., Salcombe, Devon (40 years wed.); Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Double U.K., Bran End, Stubbins, Essex (38 years wed.); Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Henson, Earham-gr., North Earham, Norwich (50 years); Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hill, Orchard gardens, Walsend-on-Tyne (43 years).

Why We Bomb Hamm Yard

NAZI TRAFFIC CHAOS

WORSE EVERY DAY FOR HITLER

ENORMOUS STRAIN IS BEING PUT ON GERMANY'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AND PARTICULARLY HER RAILWAYS, BY THE CONSTANTLY INCREASING PRESSURE OF THE R.A.F. IT REPRESENTS ONE OF HITLER'S GREATEST WAR PROBLEMS.

Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, made this revealing comment in a speech at Lampeter, Wales, yesterday.

"Some people," he said, "are inclined to be sceptical when we tell them about the enemy's economic difficulties."

"We have never suggested that the war could be won without fighting. We do say that our blockade, our control of enemy exports, our financial pressure and our bombardment of industrial targets have added enormously to the dictators' problems."

DRAIN ON OIL STOCKS

When Mr. Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, spoke the other day of impending German shortages of oil, rubber and hardening metals, that was not a piece of guesswork based on a few stray rumours, said Mr. Foot.

On the contrary, it was a very cautious estimate. If it erred at all, it erred on the side of pessimism.

Hitler's sea routes have been cut off. The main centres of German industry had been accustomed to receive raw materials from overseas via Hamburg and Bremen and up the Rhine or the Elbe. Now they must draw supplies such as they were overland from the East and South-East.

A great strain was thus placed

on the German railway system, a strain which was constantly increased by the R.A.F.

"It is sometimes asked," Mr. Foot continued, "why so many raids are directed at the great marshalling yard at Hamm. The reason is that Hamm is to Germany what a major port is to us. Where we rely on ships and tankers, the Germans must have trucks and tank wagons."

"True, they can transfer some of this traffic to the roads, but that means a further drain on their meagre supplies of oil. Results of this pressure are becoming increasingly visible."

"Only about a month ago, a passenger had to change 13 times between Basle and Berlin, which is about the distance from Aberdeen to London."

"Congestion of goods traffic has become so great that the authorities cannot consider the convenience of passengers."

TALK LESS WARNING TO RED ARMY

Moscow, Saturday.

MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO, SOVIET COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, HAS WARNED THE RED ARMY THAT IT MUST STOP WASTING TIME IN USELESS TALK AND CONCENTRATE ON REALITIES.

As a result, speakers at Party conferences in many Soviet military districts stressed the importance of training Red Army men under actual war time conditions.

On February 23, the 23rd anniversary of the Red Army, more than 100,000 young Communists will take part in a cross-country ski test.

Writing to the organising committee, Marshal Timoshenko recalls how the Finnish War demonstrated the importance of ski-ing, and adds:

"Without ski-ing, it is impossible to wage winter warfare successfully, especially as a great part of the Soviet Union is covered with snow for many months."—Reuter.

ARMAMENTS MILLIONS

THE latest edition of the League of Nations Armaments Year-Book has a table giving the military expenditure of the Great Powers.

It shows that the United Kingdom's figure of £122 millions in 1935 had risen to £736 millions in 1939; France from 10,983,000,000 to 31,754,000,000 francs.

Germany, altogether 90 milliards of Reichsmarks on armaments, according to Hitler; Italy, 5,143 million lire to 7,996 million lire (not including war expenditure and expenditure for Italian East Africa).

The U.S.S.R. spent from 8,200 million roubles to 40,885 million roubles; and the U.S.A. from 806 million dollars to 1,387 million dollars.

"THANK YOU," SAY DUTCH TO KING

DUTCH East Indies radio, in its European news bulletin, yesterday broadcast a message of congratulation to King George VI on his forty-fifth birthday. The statement continued:—

"King George—the entire population of the Dutch East Indies Archipelago thanks you very much indeed for the hospitality extended to our Queen, her family and our Government."

THESE SHARE £1,250!

IN CONNECTION WITH CROSSWORD No. 223, THE ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT THE MOST MERITORIOUS ANSWERS ON ONE SQUARE (ON RIGHT) WERE THOSE SUBMITTED BY:—

E. Brockhurst, Hurstwood, Cokerham-rd., Sompting, Worthing; Mr. L. Clementson, Sharp's Farm, Robin Hood, Wighton, Mr. Wigan; Mr. H. Cohen, 12, Tredegar-sq., Bow, E.3; Mr. F. Dickinson, 43, Lovat-rd., Preston; Mr. L. Fletcher, 31, Perry Park-rd., Blackheath, Staffs.; Mr. W. H. Lewis, 7, New-st., Uttoxeter; Miss M. McCartan, 60, St. Helens-rd., Booterstown, Dublin; Mr. C. Protheroe, 33, Victoria-st., Pontycymmer, Glam.; Mr. S. Rowbottom, 33, Erncroft-rd., Marple Bridge, Stockport; Mr. A. Worsnop, 213, New Works-rd., Low Moor, Bradford, Yorks.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the competition, these competitors share the £1,250 First Prize and will each receive a cheque for £125.

Any other entrant who believes that he or she submitted a square eligible for a share of the First Prize must demand a rescrutiny by registered post not later than first post Wednesday, December 18, sending £1 scrutiny fee, copy of all squares submitted and postal order number. Address: Competition Manager, "The People," 6, La Belle Sauvage, London, E.C.4.

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the runners-up prizes.

RUNNERS-UP (differing from the winning square at one point only)—121 competitors, who will be notified and will each receive a Splendid Hamper of Christmas Provisions.

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"Competitor's World" you, too, may soon be receiving similar glad tidings. This week's issue contains extracts from the reasons for the Adjudication Committee's findings in Competition No. 223 and eight additional entry squares. To obtain copies of the next six weekly issues, send a 6d. P.O. (payable to Odhams Press Ltd. and crossed "/>

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The New World Order

"Why have the peoples of the Empire, wherever they live, sprung to arms as one in this great conflict? The enemy could never comprehend the true answer. It is simply—because we wanted to. Being British and being free, we want more than anything else in life to remain British and to remain free." (The Hon. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, on November 18th, 1940.)

Two armies of nations, utterly different, are fighting this war to decide the future of the world. On the one side, a vast and growing league of free peoples fighting shoulder to shoulder. On the other side, the grim uneasy power of Nazi and Fascist tyranny, holding down by force and terror half the nations of Europe, stealing their food, carrying off their workers to slave in German fields and factories.

Here are two ways of doing things. Which of them can offer a genuine "New World Order"? Hitler's way? Or the way of the British Commonwealth?

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The secret of a new world order, which we have found and tested in the British Commonwealth, is freedom — not just freedom for men or nations to do as they like, but freedom which brings duties as well as rights. We have the duty to respect the freedom of others, as well as the right to defend our own. It is the same with nations as with men — on the one hand freedom, on the other the willing co-operation of equals — the team spirit.

This is the only kind of World Order worth having — the only guarantee of security and happiness when the war is over. The British Commonwealth of Nations points the way.

This series on the British Commonwealth is being reprinted as a folder, copies of which may be obtained on request from The Ministry of Information.

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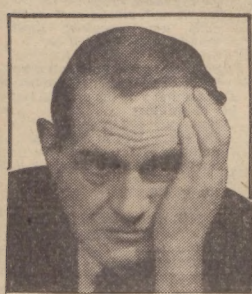
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CAVALCADE OF THE BLITZ

THE EAST END FINDS ITS SOUL

HERE is the first article of a remarkable new series which gives a vivid picture of how the men and women of the cities of Britain are standing up to Hitler's campaign of murder from the skies. It is an inspiring narrative of simple heroism beginning in London's East End.

BUT London lays no claim to a monopoly of courage and endurance, and here will be told how workers in the different Services, housewives and children, and ordinary citizens alike react under the ordeal of the bombers.

WHEN Jesus said 'Who so seeketh to save his own life shall lose it and who so loseth his life for My sake shall find it.' He was laying down a principle for all time by which true life is born; and it is in places like the East End, amid all the suffering caused by the war, and under conditions resulting from it—conditions almost intolerable and often quite unnecessary—that we find joy born from suffering, love from misery, peace from struggle and courage from disaster.

So said Father Groser as he told me his story of the Blitz in the East End and challenged me to go out and verify what he had said.

So I stepped out into the streets where penury once flaunted itself in riot of colour, made the pavements gay with Chinese in blue dungarees, Malays in red fezzes, rabbis in silk overcoats, broad-shouldered dockers, and trimly toiletied bright young things.

Where even the shops and stalls had an air of prosperity which vied with the cheapness of the wares—pipes and pin cases, corn cures and mousetraps, purses and cheap jewellery! Now many of these stalls have

vanished and many of the shops are closed and shuttered.

Now streets of happy homes, where men smoked, women gossiped, and kids played tag with ear-splitting whoops are but silent deserts of rubble and seas of broken glass.

But I found he was right, for though a bomb can shatter an East End home it cannot affect an East End heart. For despite all the hammering of the Blitz, despite all the squalor, misery and poverty of their lives, his people have not and will not lose faith.

Not for riches, honour, or glory do they strive, but for that liberty no good man would consent to lose but with his life.

For what light is to the eyes, air to the lungs, and love to the heart, liberty is to the soul of the East End.

"Freedom!" is their battle cry. And for freedom, for happiness for the brave new world to come they will see it through to the end.

"God help the man who lets them down," said Father Groser, and I know now what he meant. He knows these people and the wounds they have to bear.

He has stared with them dumbly at the ruins of their wrecked homes, which contained all they held dear and dear, watched their reactions as everything they had built up after years of struggle was destroyed in a minute. He has talked to men made paupers at a single blow, left, many of them, with nothing but a shirt and a pair of pants.

He has huddled with them through nights of terror under dripping railway arches dimly lit by hurricane lamps, watched the stolid men play draughts together, and the shivering, ill-clad women sharing their tea and bread with others less fortunate, comforting the aged, the sick, and the poor, worried mothers with too many babies.

He has seen them march out of flooded shelters where the beds and floorboards were floating around, and file off quietly to take the risk of bombs in their ill-built homes.

He has watched them bear these and a thousand other miseries without complaint and knows the ache of these poor people living out their simple lives as workers, wanderers, exiles, and housewives.

He has seen them in all sorts and kinds of trouble, but he has never seen them let their tails down!

I know now why he is proud of these people. Tired they are—very tired—but they can stand anything in a cause they feel is worth while, and though there is much they should not have to stand, much that could be done to alleviate their misery, I believe he is right when he said that "though they will see it through to the end, we betide those who try to cheat them in the end."

Courage! Courage is common in the East End, where the hero may be the man working at the next bench or sitting beside you in the bus.

Why even the kids down here play the danger game. Maybe you haven't heard of the Bomb Squad Babies, but the whole of the East End has—a bunch of youngsters, none of them older than 17, who lounge under Shadwell Arch when darkness falls and the sky is full of flames and the thunder of the guns.

"Crikey! Look at that!" says one, and off they'll fly through the narrow blacked-out streets as fast as their young legs can carry them to the spot where an incendiary has started a blaze.

Throughout the nightmare hours

East End streets, "once a riot of light and colour" and (right) a typical scene in the East End after a visit from Nazi bombers.

The East End kids conduct their fire patrol, armed only with a stirrup pump. It is highly dangerous work, and they are acting entirely on their own initiative, but they appear to love this.

They can run like hares and are quicker on the scene than a fire brigade. One night alone they tackled and subdued 18 fires on roofs and streets.

Tight corners! These kids have been in dozens of dangerous situations, from which it seemed they would never emerge alive.

CUDDLING ARMFULS OF DEATH

Once a Jerry dropped a Molotov bread basket on top of the docks, and Pat Makin, a thin, spectacled grocer's assistant, and two of his pals were racing for the blaze as soon as the bombs landed.

A great drift of smoke was rolling from the dockyard, and through this, half-choking, the youngsters fought their way. Two P.L.A. policemen dashed cut of the flames as they appeared.

"Come with us," they ordered, "we've got to get the live ammunition out!"

It never occurred to the lads to refuse. They followed the officers to another shed a few yards away, aided them in battering down the door.

And there, in that inferno, cuddling armfuls of death, with flames and death all round them they worked, with bent backs and tense muscles, carrying out case after case of live twelve-pound shells.

Sweat scored the greasy grime on their faces and their limbs ached. Still they went on working.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Finally their herculean efforts were rewarded. The cases were neatly stacked by the waterside. Then crash! An incendiary bomb hissed and sizzled at their feet, and the cases had to be moved all over again.

Their reward? Just a letter from the Port Authority, expressing keen appreciation of the great personal risks they took in moving live ammunition.

Again it was Pat and two friends who clambered up the Town Hall Library roof in Cable-st, and tackled the blaze.

Blinded by the glare, choked by deadly fumes, they fought the flames and beat them. Then, collapsing and choking, with eyes smarting, faces blackened and throats swelling, they staggered down to street level, only to be rushed to hospital.

Instances of heroism are legion in the East End. Not only thin



men crawl! through the holes in the rubble to rescue buried friends, but fat men as well. Men like stout Alfie, who got stuck so firmly in a hole he had burrowed with his bare hands that it took three or four of his mates to pull him out!

Men like the patient wardens of England Street School, who found themselves with 150 bombed-out people in the school, and a huge time bomb bumping into the ground a few yards away.

Quickly, though calmly, they issued terse instructions, directing those who could walk to the nearest emergency shelter.

Then, as the clock-ticked on slowly towards the hour that might spell their doom, they lifted a score of crippled old dears into their arms and carried them on by one to the nearest haven of rest.

Men like Sam Donner, who has been recommended for the George Cross. In a daylight raid thirteen weeks were trapped under wreckage.

With bleeding hands and ripped clothes Sam tore at the debris to free them, with a time bomb ready to blow them to Kingdom Come a few yards away. Yet so well did Sam and his aids work that they succeeded in getting three of the trapped out alive.

HUMOUR IN THE EAST END

Suddenly the other bomb exploded and Sam fell flat on his face into a crater just as the house wall caved in, burying him alive. A minute later Sam's cheerful grin appeared above the dust and masonry, and he emerged a blackened, half-choked figure, but practically unhurt.

Humour! In the East End they know secrets of life a millionaire would pay a king's ransom to know. And one of them is the value of humour, laughter and cheerful spirits to meet danger in whatever form it presents itself.

It is Dr. Cheer that keeps them healthy in squalid shelters, where a melancholy hygiene would fall with the first germ.

Self-sacrifice! East Enders are self-sacrificing all their lives. They learn early to take in one another's washing in this school of hard knocks. Their whole life is a fight against insecurity.

Stevadores scrambling for jobs at the dock gates daily! Navvies, furniture workers, leather workers knocked off the pay roll. Misfortune hits them all at one time or another. And in such a world the lesson of mutual service is soon learnt.

That's why, when Grandma Thomson, Mrs. Thomson and her eight little scallywags were bombed out they were never in any doubt about where to go. A score of friendly neighbours, with a heap of troubles of their own, were only too willing and anxious

to give them the shelter of their humble hearths.

Self-sacrifice! It is in the East End that you see the helping hand of the good woman with the friendly eyes and the faint smile on her lips at its best.

Women like Lady Ravensdale, Mrs. Henriques, Miss Grenfell, Father Groser's cheery little helper Miss Neil, his wife and a score of others I could name.

Night after night you will see them outside the shelters, often in the worst of the bombing, comforting the weary, improvising tourniquets and dressing wounds by the glow of torches, serving soup, cocoa and sandwiches, providing ground sheets for shelters, dishing out boots and clothing for those in need.

Always they are trotting around with a bird-like briskness on some pleasant errand of mercy. They love the work.

And there are good men helping here too, men like the Sandwich Gang at Paddy's Goose Club. No swashbuckling heroes these. Just a quiet bunch of the older chaps who give all their spare time to cutting sandwiches for the hungry, to relieving the distress of the East End's homeless and bombed out!

TRAGEDY PATHOS AND PITY

There's Bill—athletic, broad-shouldered, shirt-sleeved Bill—the overworked and willing "clothes" horse. He spends all his time mending a mountain of boots and shoes, shirts and skirts, overcoats and underwear, disposing them to all in need.

Tragedy! There's tragedy, too, in Paddy's Goose Club. Day after day Tom, a tall thin man, comes into the club and sits there in stony silence with his grief.

When his house collapsed on them poor Tom lost wife, children, home, at one blow.

Everyone has pity for Tom, and yet no word of sympathy can filter through to the impenetrable silence of his mind. For Tom is stone deaf. So he must sit, silent and alone with his grief.

Then there was little five-year-old Bobby, white and shaken with a croaky cough, the only one of his family to be rescued alive when his shelter was blown up.

Yet the other bombed-out folk in the club forgot their own losses alive. A minute later Sam's cheerful grin appeared above the dust and masonry, and he emerged a blackened, half-choked figure, but practically unhurt.

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Self-sacrifice! East Enders are self-sacrificing all their lives. They learn early to take in one another's washing in this school of hard knocks. Their whole life is a fight against insecurity.

Stevadores scrambling for jobs at the dock gates daily! Navvies, furniture workers, leather workers knocked off the pay roll. Misfortune hits them all at one time or another. And in such a world the lesson of mutual service is soon learnt.

That's why, when Grandma Thomson, Mrs. Thomson and her eight little scallywags were bombed out they were never in any doubt about where to go. A score of friendly neighbours, with a heap of troubles of their own, were only too willing and anxious

to give them the shelter of their humble hearths.

Self-sacrifice! It is in the East End that you see the helping hand of the good woman with the friendly eyes and the faint smile on her lips at its best.

Women like Lady Ravensdale, Mrs. Henriques, Miss Grenfell, Father Groser's cheery little helper Miss Neil, his wife and a score of others I could name.

Night after night you will see them outside the shelters, often in the worst of the bombing, comforting the weary, improvising tourniquets and dressing wounds by the glow of torches, serving soup, cocoa and sandwiches, providing ground sheets for shelters, dishing out boots and clothing for those in need.

Always they are trotting around with a bird-like briskness on some pleasant errand of mercy. They love the work.

And there are good men helping here too, men like the Sandwich Gang at Paddy's Goose Club. No swashbuckling heroes these. Just a quiet bunch of the older chaps who give all their spare time to cutting sandwiches for the hungry, to relieving the distress of the East End's homeless and bombed out!

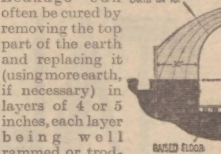
BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE RAID

KEEPING WATER OUT OF YOUR ANDERSON SHELTER

—and the help that is ready if your home is hit

IN some cases, temporary flooding is caused by surface water. This often happens because earth covering is not thick enough and not well enough rammed down. It should be at least 15 ins. thick at the top and 30 ins. thick at the sides, well rammed in layers.

excessive, can often be cured by raising the floor of the shelter by putting in earth and then a layer of rubble or clinker. Another way is to raise the whole shelter altogether, but in this case the shelter must be bedded in the earth not less than a foot, and the more it is raised the more it is required to cover it.



WHEN TO CONSULT THE COUNCIL

If, after taking these measures, water still enters the shelter, seek advice of the Council; possibly the only cure will be the construction of a concrete "tank" within the shelter. You may get some condensation of moisture on the inside of the shelter. If so, paint the inside with paint or a shellac varnish and throw sawdust on while the paint is wet.

These hints are taken from a very helpful leaflet being issued by local authorities to all who have "Andersons".

OLD LINOLEUM IS USEFUL

Another good plan is to place old linoleum over the surface of the shelter before you replace the top layers of earth. Channels should be dug round the shelter to take the water away. If, when you have finished, water still leaks through the joints of the corrugated iron, caulk them from the inside with rope or old rags soaked in heavy oil or tar.

DIG A SUMP

Surface water may find its way through the floor; dig a sump a foot deep in one corner of the shelter near the entrance. The water will then drain to this and can be baled out. It will help to keep the shelter dry if the floor is covered with a layer of bricks and then linoleum or if duck boards made with old salvaged timber are used.

IF WATER COMES UP THROUGH THE GROUND

In many cases the trouble is due to the winter rise of sub-soil water. This, if it is not

Help is ready

If your home is damaged, there is a great deal of help ready for you. Full arrangements have been made to give you food and shelter, clothes and money if necessary, and to find you somewhere to live. If you have not been able to make arrangements with friends, go straight to the Emergency Rest Centre. The warden and police know where it is. Ask them.

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In 1914 Wright's Toilet Soap is the most skin protective for the face. The antiseptic action of Wright's is a safeguard that you can give him.

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A British Arab outpost on the Egyptian coast, where Graziani's armies are on the run.

LET'S TALK IT OVER

“THERE is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.” Such a tide is rising now on the tideless Mediterranean, and we are riding it with high hearts. The Greeks are giving the Italians no rest in Albania, and the “Imperial Army of the Nile” has gained “a major victory.” Sidi Barrani is in our hands again, the routed enemy has sustained immense losses, and the Duce’s “African Empire” may prove as insubstantial as the mirage of the deserts upon which he planned to build it.

Mr. Churchill, giving these glad tidings to the House, went so far as to say that our anxieties over Egypt have now been removed.

This is a magnificent achievement and supplies a crushing answer to all the critics who complained of what they were pleased to call half-hearted action against Italy.

SEVERAL ex-generals and military experts, not expert enough to have been given any command, have been telling us for weeks past how, when and where the real fighting men ought to hammer the Italians.

The pen may be mightier than the sword, but it is certainly easier to wield, and the war-scribes have a pretty soft job when it comes to anticipating the obvious.

The fellows who have to do the actual work, the men who are still outnumbered by at least two and a half to one, knew just as well as the critics what a grand thing it would be “to have a smack at the Wops.”

But they probably said: “What with?” and went on patiently building up their reserves, replacing the immense losses of material we sustained at Dunkirk, marshalling reinforcements and thoroughly preparing for the attack which is now delivering so successfully.

If Mussolini goes “out” I think we can trust our naval, army and air force commanders to go “in” one jump ahead of Hitler. At all events, I would rather leave it to them than to any of the pen-pushers.

IT was significant—but not surprising—that when Hitler made his broadcast to German munition workers the other day he made no reference either to Italy or to Russia.

He boasted that German armies would never leave the territories which they have occupied except of their own free will. He said that he would choose the hour for the final onslaught upon Britain. He wasn't going to be hurried. He was going to exercise his famous patience again.

But he also said: “If Germany is beaten, it will be the end of the German people.”

Contrast that with Lord Lothian's last words to the citizens of the United States: “With your help we are certain of victory—decisive victory—in 1942, if not before.”

The British Ambassador's sudden and tragic death lends dramatic force to his appeal for American help.

We shall be given that help. We shall be given it in time to beat the U-Boats and the bombers and avert the menace to our shipping.

But now, as always, we must count mainly upon our own efforts. We must work in factories, offices, mines and shipyards as we have never worked before. We must work as though there were none to help us.

If we do that we shall justify Lord Lothian's optimism, but we cannot do so in any other way.

EARLY in the New Year the Government hopes to put into operation its vast scheme of national insurance against air-raid damage. This will cover property worth twelve thousand millions, not to mention immense business assets.

We have been waiting several months for this highly necessary measure, and we don't know yet how far Sir Kingsley Wood's present proposals may need to be modified.

At the same time most people, I think, will recognise that the Government is making a bold and honest attempt to solve a very difficult problem.

British insurance companies are the most reliable in the world. Clearly, however, they could not cope with the huge risk of air raids.

give Parliament plenty to talk over before the third reading.

I wish to draw your attention here to three points only. The first is that compensation ought to be based not upon the costs of rebuilding in March, 1939, but upon the actual costs of today and tomorrow.

Very properly, the Government intends to make compensation retrospective. In other words, none of you are going to lose your “benefits” simply because you happen to have been “bombed out” before this new Bill passes into law.

My point is that air raid victims ought to be given “home for home.” Their loss is not to be measured fairly in mere terms of money. They will need new houses and they ought to get them.

Again, the premium now suggested for the voluntary insurance of furni-

ture seems high in comparison with that demanded to cover property risks.

Thirty shillings per hundred pounds is a lot of money for poor people to find. Many of them simply won't be able to afford it, and yet they will be the ones whose bits of furniture probably represent their all.

I am glad to see, however, that there is to be no change in the existing arrangement whereby free grants of essential furniture and clothing can be claimed by people of very small means.

Finally, it is most important that landlords shall not be allowed to cover their own premiums by increased rentals.

Obviously, they have no moral right to do anything of the sort, since compensation would go into their pockets, not into their tenants'.

But, unless this ruling is made clear and positive, some landlords are almost certain to “try it on.”

JUDGING from readers' letters, I think there is a growing wish among the public for a further scheme of national insurance to cover the risk of death and personal injury.

I take this opportunity of reminding my correspondents that I cannot reply to them all personally.

Thought for Today

TROUBLE CAN'T REMOVE THE BRAVE MAN'S SMILE; IT CAN ONLY MAKE IT A GRIM ONE.

sonally, but in regard to this particular matter, the Government is working out a scheme now, and it will probably be embodied in a supplementary insurance Bill at an early date.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned here that the Press, whatever our leaders may sometimes think about it, has made many useful suggestions which they have afterwards adopted.

Air raid insurance would have been provided sooner or later, I suppose, in any case, but I think we should have had to wait for it a good deal longer if the newspapers had not kept up a steady demand for its immediate introduction.

THIS writer is particularly gratified to note that Major Lloyd George, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, says that the question of rationing restaurant and hotel meals is now under consideration.

“The People,” you may remember, was the first newspaper to raise this question. It always seemed to me most unfair that people who “eat

CIGARETTE PAPERS

—By The Lounger

EVEN the Fuehrer has his Christmas wishes. The sooner his goose is cooked the better he'll like it.

Alfie's Father's Luck is so bad that if he backed the Italian navy to win a race, all its engines would break down.

TODAY'S PROVERB
Each Christmas brings its merry thought.
Which children will recall,
As they sit in Britain's night,
The merriest thought of all.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK
True comradeship binds us with a golden chain.

LITTLE ALFIE ON
“WARTIME PANTO.”
It's up to us town lads now parked in the country to give the natives a Xmas treat, and me and Horrie are fixed up to give 'em one of our famous pantomimes, only, seeing it's wartime, it will be different.

We've had a lot of argument about which story we'll do, and we've decided that we'll have to mix 'em a bit. Frinstance, we haven't much use for Cinderella. I mean, me and Horrie are O.K. in our juggling act as Bonko and Conko, the comedy brokers' men, but the idea of Cruella sitting as a Cinderella in a blond wig and singing “Love Is All” wud be just too tuff.

As I've always said, Dick Wittington is the best story, becuz it has a famous animal, but I'm not keen on cats so I'm having a lion, playing as Rags (that's my dog). Their is also the cow out of Jack and the Beanstalk. We're having

out” should be free to do so and still to draw their full rations at home. By meatless days or by some other device, these “double helpings” must be stopped.

A lot of fuss, you think, about a comparatively small matter? Actually, I doubt whether it is so small, for the extra food that moneyed people can obtain in this way must represent many hundreds of precious cargoes.

Apart from that, however, the principle involved is a big one—the principle of fair play for rich and poor alike.

OF course, we never have lived up to that principle. We never have come anywhere near to the ideal of “equality of sacrifice,” though the phrase has been used smugly by many a public man.

Nevertheless, no observant student of current affairs can fail to be impressed by a certain change of outlook and, I think, of heart, which is now taking place throughout the country.

The Cabinet has almost concluded its discussions in regard to a declaration of the war aims of the British Commonwealth, and some official statement will probably be made in a few weeks' time.

“Man o' the People” has always been hoping for such a declaration because he believes that there could be no finer propaganda for our great cause than a bold and generous British plan for a new world order.

HITLER'S “New Order” means nothing less than slavery for the peoples he has conquered, and, for his own countrymen, no more than a pampered and disgusting servitude to the State.

We know how it is working out now in occupied territories. We know that the Poles and the Czechs are suffering terrible privations, that many have been murdered, many tortured and shamed and millions driven from their homes to forced labour.

There has been no viler tyranny since the world began. We intend to destroy it utterly, but we ought to do more than that. We ought to offer every people the hope of happiness in a new and safer world.

DURING the past few days three of our Cabinet Ministers have been stressing the same idea. Without waiting for the Government, they have declared their own “war aims.”

Mr. Ernest Bevin sums his up in two words: “Social Security.” He knows that for a mere fraction of the money we are now spending and the immense efforts we are making, we could have found work for all the workless before ever the war started—if it had started.

And he pleads that we should cease to allow all our lives to be dominated solely by the profit motive. “The Forgotten Men” must be forgotten no longer. Some of the sacrifices we take for granted in war will have to be willingly borne to meet the needs of peace and reconstruction.

In this connection I should like to point out that, in a recent leading article, a great conservative newspaper made an almost exactly similar appeal.

It urged the need for “a lively sense of common responsibility towards the least fortunate,” not only among our own people, but as between nation and nation. Bevin himself could not have “come out” more strongly for the new “social conscience” which will be needed to secure a lasting peace after victory has been won.

MR. HERBERT MORRISON and Mr. Greenwood have made speeches in similar vein, and the former looks forward to the establishment of some “co-operative European system” guaranteed by an international police force.

Probably that is the only system under which the affairs of post-war Europe can be decently and justly regulated, but I doubt whether the Government will be able to formulate peace aims quite so definite as that.

All I ask is that it should “tell the world” that we are not fighting this war merely to save our own skins, but also to free mankind from the curse of war itself.

And that, to this end, the peoples of the British Commonwealth will be ready and glad to work fraternally with every other decent and honest country.

A Man o' the People

There's nothing in the world so good as Christmas, and nothing in the world so bad that it can take the spirit of Christmas away from us. It's linked for ever with all the things we're fighting for.

A Christmas time in England is a bright and cheerful time; a reasonable rhyme; a day of quiet happiness; of laughter and good will. And we, in spite of everything, shall keep our Christmas still.

Now, as the day comes round, brave hearts with joy will bound, Although it finds us struggling in the fray. We'll carry on the conflict for a world that's strange and new; A world where liberty shall live, despite the Nazi crew.

And Christmas shall be Christmas still, whatever they may do. There's naught shall ever rob us of the day.

The Christmas that we long for Lives in gentleness and peace. From hatred and from cruelty, From bringing a sweet release, But blessings are not idly won— Stout deeds we all must do; Only through courage can we make Our Christmas dream come true.

So as the day draws near, we see our duty clear. And there's a call we cannot disobey: Our faith and dauntless deeds will bring a new world to birth. Of truth and simple honesty, of friendliness and mirth.

Where freedom shall have banished the tyrant from the earth. And naught shall ever rob us of the Day.

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THE WORLD ON PARADE

Millionth-A-Second Snaps

IN less than one twenty-thousandth of the time it takes you to blink an eyelid a new glass tube developed by Westinghouse engineers makes possible the taking of pictures.

Exposure is a millionth of a second. This ultra high-speed X-ray tube enables the photographing of the inner structure of opaque objects moving at rapid speed.

Already through the new tube scientists have discovered what happens when a bullet pierces wood or a golfer drives off his ball.

According to an old Irish manuscript the Hall of Tara referred to in Thomas Moore's “The Harp that Once Through Tara's Hall” was 900 feet square, containing 150 apartments and 150 dormitories, twelve porches and twelve doors, and daily accommodated 1,000 guests?

Aerial warfare's drain on aluminium is exemplified by the fact that there is in the modern bomber three tons of the metal and about half of this quantity in the fighter plane?

Building should be ready late spring or early summer of 1941, and in full production will employ 12,000 people.

THE first telephone exchange in London was opened in 1879 in Lombard Street, and the initial number of subscribers was ten?

According to a French astrologist Mussolini's horoscope is similar to that of several rulers like Marie Antoinette, Nicholas II of Russia, who came to sudden and violent ends?

Synthetic dyestuffs were first used in England in 1858, when Perkin discovered mauve, and now there are more than 2,000 on the market?

MAN took his horse to be shot. He said to the smith, “I'll pay you a farthing for the first nail, a halfpenny for the second nail, a penny for the third, twopence for the fourth nail, and so on.” If 32 nails were required, what would the smith's bill be?

Solution to last Sunday's poser: Let x be the original number of 2 notes and y be the original number of shillings. $20x + y = 532$ in shillings. $20y + x = 1064$ in shillings. Addition $21(x + y) = 1596$. Subtract from top line $x + y = 76$. $19x = 436$. $x = 24$. 24×2 notes and 52 shillings. THE LOOKER-ON.

U.S. RESERVED workers have found a way to make from the casing in skim milk a fibre which blends with rabbit fur to make felt material for hats.

Industry uses 8,000,000 lb. of fur a year; will use between million and two million lb. of milk fibre.

One lb. of fibre is produced from 30 lb. of skim milk.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—REAL inhabitants of Albania have two names for their country, the Ghegs of the north speaking of it as Skuperia, whilst the southern dwellers, the Tosks, prefer the name of Skupenia?

Empire port with unusual name of Heart's Content is on the Avalon peninsula of Newfoundland, and is the terminus of

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Less Meat For You—And Hotels

'POOR MAN' PAYS FOR SPITFIRE

Wellington, N.Z., Sat. **H**OW much does a Spitfire cost? "asked a shabby, white-haired man, who walked into a Wellington newspaper office recently.

"About £5,000," replied the counter clerk, adding as a joke, "Would you like to buy one?"

The man smiled, went to a desk and joined the counter queue again with a cheque for £5,000. "Make this contribution anonymous," he said to the astonished clerk. Then, turning up the collar of his old overcoat, he walked out.

That gift is one of many which New Zealanders have made to a fighter plane fund organised to present Britain with at least 16 Spitfires.—Reuter.

1s. 10d. Ration Tomorrow

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"
YOUR MEAT RATION IS CUT FROM TOMORROW. INSTEAD OF THE 2s. 2d. A WEEK ALLOWANCE WHICH YOU HAVE HAD WHILE HOME-PRODUCED MEAT WAS IN AMPLE SUPPLY, YOU GO BACK TO THE OLD RATION OF 1s. 10d. A WEEK.

The Food Ministry made this announcement yesterday.

They also stated that the allocations of both rationed and non-rationed meat to hotels and caterers will be reduced by one-third.

To eke out their supplies, hotels, it is expected, will have to introduce meatless days each week.

It is understood that the cut in rations will not affect communal feeding centres for homeless evacuees.

Most people will be little affected by the cut in the domestic ration. Even while the allowance has been 2s. 2d. a week the consumption has averaged only 1s. 9d. a week.

The only people to suffer will be those who pay top prices for the best cuts.

But Lord Woolton gave one

warning that affects everybody. "In the next fortnight two weeks' supply of meat will have to be delivered to the butchers in nine days."

This will put a great strain on the transport available, and housewives are asked to recognise that there may be some delay in full supplies reaching butchers before Christmas.

Meanwhile, there is no need for anyone who has "played the game" to be nervous about Lord Woolton's threat to prosecute food-hoarders.

MINISTER'S WARNING

The Food Minister made this clear to "The People" yesterday. His warning, he said, did not apply to housewives who had taken his previous advice to lay in a week's emergency supply.

"Ninety-nine per cent. of the public," he said, "are behaving in the decent British way. But there are a few exceptional cases of people running from shop to shop trying to collect an unfair proportion of goods that may be short."

"It is these selfish hoarders I am after, and when I come across them they will find themselves in the dock."

Vicar Sued Warden, Now To Leave

Ipswich, Saturday. **VICAR OF BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK, THE REV. C. M. BARKER, WHO LOST A LIBEL ACTION HE BROUGHT AGAINST ONE OF THE CHURCHWARDENS, ANNOUNCED TODAY HE IS LEAVING THE PARISH.**

Mr. Barker writes in his parish magazine:

"I have hoped and tried so to arrange matters that I could remain here permanently, but in accordance with certain Acts dealing with vicarages, the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury of Ipswich (Dr. W. G. Whittingham) has declared Bramfield benefice vacant. Therefore, in obedience to my Bishop, I am bound to move."

In May, 1939, Mr. Barker lost a libel action he brought in the High Court against one of the churchwardens, Mr. Jabez Peacock. He complained that Mr. Peacock had accused him of misappropriating 12s. 10d. of church funds in the vestry safe.

Afterwards the Vicar refused to recognise the Church Council, of which Mr. Peacock was a member, and he appointed one of his own.

After he had lost the libel action, Mr. Barker said: "I attained what I set out to do, and that was to clear my name, and that of the parish. It was purely a question of honour, and now I am going to start afresh."

CHAPLIN INDICTS HITLER



CHARLIE CHAPLIN AND PAULETTE GODDARD IN "THE GREAT DICTATOR"
IN "The Great Dictator," in which, as a little Jewish barber, he is mistaken for his double, Adenoid Hynkel, Chaplin has made a picture of searing satire. While diabolically clever in its execution, it is nevertheless packed with uproarious comedy in the best Chaplin tradition, even to its music. At Prince of Wales, Gaumont (Haymarket) and Marble Arch Pavilion this week.

Traffic Light Peril

"THEY GUIDE BOMBERS"

THAT TRAFFIC LIGHTS SHOULD BE EXTINGUISHED AT DUSK IS THE DEMAND MADE IN A JOURNAL ISSUED BY A.R.P. WARDENS IN A LONDON DISTRICT.

Recalling that a German pilot had said he dropped his bombs whenever he saw a light, the paper suggests that the main offenders are the authorities themselves.

"Go to any height," it adds, "and look across London."

"Like a myriad dancing lights, you will see red, green, and amber—a series of veritable beacons for the enemy plane."

"The switching off of all traffic lights at dusk might result in a slight increase in the number of road casualties, but it would almost certainly result in a substantial decrease in the number of air-raid casualties."

SALVAGE MUDDLE

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

HUNDREDS of thousands of pounds' worth of furniture are still being wasted because local authorities in many areas are "too busy" to salvage it from bombed homes.

The Government has now set up a special Committee to see whether anything can be done to end this scandal.

One proposal that the Committee is considering is the establishment of a special salvage corps, which would work under the direct instructions of Regional Commissioners.

Five Huns Down In A Day

D.S.O. FOR R.A.F. ACE

FAMOUS SQUADRON'S NEW HONOUR

PILOT OFFICER H. M. STEPHEN, D.F.C. AND BAR, 74 SQUADRON, HAS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT, RECEIVED THE D.S.O. AS A FIELD AWARD, ON THE IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE KING OF AIR MARSHAL W. SHOLTO-DOUGLAS, A.O.C.-IN-C. FIGHTER COMMAND.

This is the first D.S.O. to be awarded in the field to a member of Britain's Home Defence Forces.

Pilot-Officer Stephen has fought with skill and success in practically every stage of the air war. He flew again and again to the Dunkirk beaches during the withdrawal of the B.E.F., and he has been repeatedly in action during the Battle of Britain.

MOST SUCCESSFUL DAY

He has destroyed more than 20 enemy aircraft.

Together with his flight-commander, who also had already been awarded the D.F.C., he lately shared the honour of shooting down the 600th enemy aircraft to be destroyed by fighters operating from a single R.A.F. station.

It was a Messerschmitt 109 which the two pilots met high over the South-East Coast.

Visibility was no more than 300 to 400 feet when they took off. It was so cold at the great height at which they were flying that Pilot-Officer Stephen had to press the gun button with his left hand. His right hand, holding the control column, was practically numb.

In a single morning's work he shot down five of the enemy. That was his most successful day.

Soon after 4 a.m. he flew with the rest of his squadron to their forward base and went into action against a squadron of German fighters. After giving quick bursts at two of them, he found himself following two more Messerschmitt 109s at only a few yards' distance.

The rear machine of the two exploded in mid-air when Pilot-Officer Stephen was only 20 yards away—"and the fourth one," he said on landing, "didn't know what hit him either."

DOWN IN FLAMES

His second patrol that day, still before breakfast, brought him no further luck, but soon after 10.30 a.m. he was ordered with the rest of the squadron on a convoy patrol.

They had barely arrived over the convoy, when about forty ME. 110 fighter-bombers were sighted in groups of three flying under cover of broken cloud to attack the convoy.

After a few moments of general melee, in which P.O. Stephen joined with the rest, he was able to make a sustained attack on one of the ME. 110s. It went down in flames into the sea.

He was just climbing up to the cloud base, when as he said later "a bomber made a dirty dart at me." He does not know now how they avoided a collision.

A Messerschmitt was chasing another Spitfire, so he turned on his tail and with his first short burst silenced the rear gunner. Then he sent it down, too.

After one more attack, he ran out of ammunition, and dodged through cloud back to his base.

His fifth and last success of the day came just before lunch time when his Squadron saw 20 dive-

bombers, with a large fighter escort, about to attack shipping. The dive-bombers sheered off as soon as the Spitfires appeared, but he was able to catch a straggler—an ME. 110. After his attack, the ME. 110 crashed into the beach.

In all, during this day, Pilot-Officer Stephen had attacked eight enemy aircraft, of which five were definitely destroyed and the other three "damaged" or "probables."

Pilot-Officer Stephen was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in August last and a bar to the Cross in November.

He was a sergeant in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve before being commissioned in April, 1940. His home is at Ballater, Aberdeen-shire.

Oil Blaze Stops Rumanian Trains

Bukarest, Saturday.

A huge fire in the Rumanian oilfield near Ploesti has stopped all railway traffic on the main line from Bukarest to the north.

This is the main railway connection between Rumania and Germany, Poland and Russia.

The fire is announced in an official communique issued in Bukarest.

BRITAIN'S CHOICE OF AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

BRITAIN, it is understood, has submitted to President Roosevelt the name of the man preferred as our Ambassador in Washington in succession to the late Lord Lothian.

The submission was made through the usual diplomatic channels.

"Hats Off" to Yeast-Vite

Brand Tonic

MY HUSBAND CANNOT SPEAK TOO HIGHLY OF YOUR FAMOUS TONIC

"Quick and astonishing recovery"

Swindon, October 23rd, 1940

Dear Sirs,
My husband cannot speak too highly of your famous tonic "Yeast-Vite."

Twelve months ago he collapsed, and after four months of home treatment went into hospital, where he underwent an operation. For long over six months he was encased in plaster, only able to move his arms and lying flat on his back. You can imagine how this made his nerves shattered, and on his discharge in June his first purchase for a pick-me-up was Yeast-Vite. Since then he has steadily improved, gaining a pound or two each week, also retaining his natural colour and good appetite.

He is now at work, amazing even his doctor and hospital staff on such quick and astonishing recovery, as such cases usually mean 12 to 18 months from day of operation before fit to work again. So, many thanks, and 'hats off' to Yeast-Vite.

This may be used if desired for printed testimonials.
Yours truly,
(Sgd.) Mrs. D. E. H.

Bigger Pensions

Speed-up Of Means Test Repeal

By Our Political Correspondent

THE Government's Bill abolishing the Means Test in connection with social insurance schemes will be among the first business taken by Parliament after Christmas.

Ministers are anxious that the increased rates of benefit that will accrue to hundreds of thousands of people shall come into force with as little delay as possible.

Text of the measure which effects unemployment allowances and supplementary old-age pensions will be distributed among M.P.s as they return from the holidays.

The second reading will follow in a day or so.

As exclusively foreshadowed in "The People," only the personal means or income of the unemployed person or pensioner shall be taken into account when considering the amount of the Government allowance to be made.

With certain minor exceptions, the earnings or income of members of his family or lodgers who are living in the same household will be disregarded.

The Bill will put many extra shillings a week into the pockets of hundreds of thousands of people.

BRITISH PILOTS IN GERMAN HANDS

FOLLOWING list of prisoners of war was given from German radio sources last night:

Pilot-Officer Hardy Grosvenor, No. 42486; Sergeant Cyril Henry Charles Wright, of Redsmoor Cottage, Tiverton, Devon, or 110. New Chevely, Newmarket; Pilot-Officer John Ray Hop, of Regent's Park, Finchley; Pilot-Officer Brian Herbert Evans, of Highgate, Cardiff; David Young, of Greenock, Scotland; Sergeant John Cecil Shaw, of Middlesbrough, and Sergeant William O'Leary, Isolation Hospital, Mitcham, Surrey.—Reuter.

Allies' Conference WAR AIMS LAID DOWN

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE GOVERNMENT ARE TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR STATEMENT ON THEIR WAR AIMS. DURING THE PAST FORTNIGHT THEY HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE DOMINIONS, AND WITH THE DUTCH, NORWEGIAN, BELGIAN, GREEK AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR STRUGGLE, THE DETAILS OF WHAT THESE AIMS SHOULD BE.

The talks have now been completed, and Mr. Churchill is to draw up the statement himself.

It will be a powerful counterblast to Hitler's New Order propaganda with which he is trying to win over neutral countries.

The British Statement will not set out a detailed policy for laying down peace terms. It will declare in general terms the reasons why Britain is fighting, the things it is fighting for, the things it is fighting against, and the kind of world it visualises after the war.

It will point out, too, that there can be no agreement with Hitler and his Nazis, though a new Germany, freely constituted, would be welcomed into the post-war community of nations.

Mr. Churchill, after presenting the statement, will invite Parliament to debate the proposals fully, and will then have them incorporated in a White Paper, which will be sent all over the world, accompanied by a vigorous propaganda campaign.

"CROOKED" POLICIES

Tighten Law, Urges An M.P.

MISREPRESENTATIONS or non-disclosures in insurance forms, which enable companies to repudiate the policies, are the subject of a question to be put by Mr. T. M. Sexton, Labour M.P. for Barnard Castle, to the Ministry of Transport.

Mr. Sexton declares that many persons or dependants of those who suffer injury or loss of life through the negligence of motor drivers, are left without redress when the policies are thus repudiated.

He will ask the Minister if he will consider legislation to make this impossible.

Why not get a Lovely Figure Yourself

YOU, too, can have that attractive slim figure which everyone admires. You, too, can look lovely and keep in radiant health, if you 'slim' while you sleep 'with the aid of Bile Beans.

Purely vegetable; Bile Beans act gently and naturally. They tone up the system, purify the blood and daily remove all food residue. Thus Bile Beans improve health and vitality and bring slim youthful lines. Don't just envy others! Start now to get that lovely figure and perfect health yourself by taking Bile Beans regularly at bedtime.

By Nightly Taking

BILE BEANS



"For maintaining a slender well-proportioned figure there's nothing so good as taking Bile Beans. They ensure splendid health, prevent unwanted fat and keep my figure youthfully slim."—Miss K. S. London, S.W. 1.

"These wonderful Bile Beans have gradually rid me of 21 pounds of surplus fat. My figure is now youthful and attractive, my complexion is clear and healthy and I feel better in every way."—Mrs. D. H. West Hartlepool.

"The People's" Secret Service News

BRITISH successes against Graziani have put paid to the last hopes of the Italian Armistice Commissions, both in Syria and Tunisia. Local public opinion has become openly threatening, and strong military guards have had to be posted outside their headquarters, where they are virtually prisoners. Rome has told them to come home as soon as they can find safe transport.

DESERTION from the Vichy controlled forces in Syria—especially from Foreign Legion battalions—is increasing. Once across the border of British Palestine these troops immediately volunteer to join De Gaulle's Free French armies. Detachments of which are now using their vast desert experience with deadly effect against the Italians in Egypt.

A new wave of confidence in British victory is sweeping across the whole French empire since the bursting of the Italian bubble.

to be attacked, while their wives and families have all migrated to the south of France or to distant Austrian health resorts.

DESTRUCTION of so many aircraft factories inside Germany by our airmen has caused Goering to adapt French works to Nazi aeroplane building. Now he finds a marked slow down due to sabotage.

NAZI prisoners of war department is experiencing increasing trouble with the 1,800,000 French prisoners still in their charge. These men are determined to get home and now refuse to work any longer for Germany under the slave conditions hitherto applied.

Continued Nazi brutality is getting like a boomerang on Hitler's labour problem, as he needs every worker he can get for the land in preparation for next year's cultivation.

GOERING has offered his agents in U.S.A. a big reward if they can locate an Austrian "brain trust" which is encouraging and subsidising sabotage in his vast steel and munitions works in Graz, Linz and other "loyal" areas.

and Dutch "golden egg" geese by their reckless plundering of stocks. They also covet the Petsamo nickel mines.

Russia says "No." The way Russia has counteracted Nazi intrigue has been to sponsor a trade agreement between Finland and Jugoslavia. The latter Balkan State has been virtually promised Russian help if it suffers at Hitler's hands. Until now the Germans thought this only applied to invasion.

HITLER'S uncertainty about the extent of the Soviet-Jugoslav understanding has reacted on the whole Nazi High Command to an extent that has made them nervous about any further adventures anywhere along the entire German eastern frontier.

Balkan countries—encouraged by the success of British aid to Greece—have not been slow to take advantage of the new Nazi fears. A new alliance is in the offing between Turkey, Bulgaria and Jugoslavia which may later include Greece and which may once and for all halt the Nazi threat to the East.

MEXICO, the former headquarters and happy hunting ground of German agents in the New World has decided to clamp down all Nazi-Fascist activities within her borders. Their Tampico and Vera Cruz offices have been raided and the ringleaders quietly deported on a Japanese steamer sailing direct to Tokyo.

Mexico has also decided to 'link up' with the U.S.A. in order to prevent oil reaching the Axis countries.

REFUSAL of Spain to join the Axis and the completion of an Anglo-Spanish trade agreement has been welcomed in South America, where several Spanish-speaking States are adopting new anti-Nazi measures. Nazi agents have also been discredited after their boasts that Hitler had Spain in his pocket—and Nazi intrigue has been thrown back considerably. Action now being taken by those States includes a demand for the immediate payment of harbour dues and other demerger charges on all German and Italian ships which had run in for safety when war was declared. The total amount runs into seven figures and will make a big hole in Axis foreign credits.

SOVIET-U.S.A. talks are quietly progressing favourably. The situation in China has formed a common link between the two countries. Both intend to maintain and increase their help to Chiang-kai-Shek to continue the war against Japan.

The new British credit of £10,000,000 to the Chinese generalissimo added to U.S.A. and Soviet help, now makes it unlikely that Japan will have either the time or opportunity to cause any trouble outside China anywhere in the Far East in order to help her Axis partners.

A DEFINITE HELP TO ALL WHO SUFFER FROM NERVE STRAIN

Bromley, Kent, Oct. 6th, 1940

Dear Sirs,
I hereby certify that I have been suffering from severe nerve trouble for 25 years, during the whole of which time I have been completely incapacitated through such.

I have been under continual treatment at several hospitals, unfortunately without any improvement, and have had all kinds of medicines and treatments. Since the intensive air raids, as a last resource I tried Yeast-Vite. I consider them to be a definite help to all who suffer from nerve strain or stress.

(Signed) J. W.

Accept This Offer!

If you suffer from Headaches, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Nerves, Indigestion, Sleeplessness, Constipation, simply obtain a 1/5 bottle of Yeast-Vite at once. If you don't feel better QUICKLY, return the empty carton to Irving's Yeast-Vite, Ltd., Watford, within one month of purchase, and your money will be refunded at once and in full. YEAST-VITE brand tablets 7d., 1/5, 3/5 and 5/8, including Purchase Tax. Sold Everywhere.

SMOKERS' 'FUR'

IS IT RUINING YOUR TEETH?

Try this now. Run your tongue round your mouth. Do you notice it is a rough woolly feeling. Smokers' fur has got a hold, and is staining your teeth. But don't worry, you can stop this fur from ruining the look of your teeth.

Dentists know smokers' fur is caused by excess acid in the mouth. The acid and you shift the fur. What is the scientific way to destroy mouth acid? 12,000 dentists say 'Milk of Magnesia' brand antacid is the most effective antacid known. They recommend smokers to use the toothpaste containing 'Milk of Magnesia' — the only toothpaste containing it — Phillips' Dental Magnesia.

Commence fighting mouth acid tonight. Get a tube of Phillips' Dental Magnesia and clean your teeth with it each night and morning. Then you'll feel the difference: no more morning mouth; no more stale breath. Instead you'll have a fresh which look clean, feel clean, are clean: a sweet mouth to give new zest to smoking. A mouth that will say Good morning! and mean it.

PARCELS TO THE FORCES

Include a tube of Phillips' Dental Magnesia in your next parcel for him or her. You will be sure to please by this thoughtfulness. Sold everywhere. 'Milk of Magnesia' is the trade mark of Phillips' preparation of Magnesia.—Adv.

Critical Years For Women

SUFFERINGS AT MIDDLE AGE

Most women upon reaching the trying years of middle age begin to realize that they are not so young as they were. If, however, you are one of those passing through this critical time, you need not think that you cannot be well and happy.

You may have rather lost your grip on things, the old vigour and energy seem to be slipping away. You get tired easily, and your legs ache. Headaches assail you and often you have to resort to a glass of brandy to keep you going. What has happened is that your blood has become exhausted; but all your ailments will readily yield to the strengthening influence of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, because these pills actually create the new rich blood your system so badly needs.

Take a course of Dr. Williams' brand Pink Pills, and the nervousness, headaches, poor appetite and general listlessness will soon be a thing of the past. You will feel better and younger every day, because the new rich blood created by these pills will give you new energy and vigour. Of all chemists is, 3d. a box (triple size 3s.).—plus purchase tax. Buy a box now.—Adv.

The crippling agony of

LUMBAGO



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RHEUMATISM
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In many cases indeed, contributors have insisted on trebling their weekly penny. From all parts of the country comes news of this movement. Daily letters arrive announcing the resolve of individual bodies of workers, parties ranging in size from a score to many hundreds, to contribute "at the double" until the end of the war.

Widely varying trades and callings are represented, including iron-foundry workers, engineers, steel workers, textile operatives, laundry workers, leather workers, bank clerks, shop assistants, policemen. Many of these, living in heavily bombed areas, have first-hand experience of the invaluable aid the Red Cross renders.

WILL SOON BE GONE!

Your doctor knows Lumbago as an inflammation of the lumbar region leading to pressure on the nerves. You know it as a pain in the back that nothing seems to shift. Nothing? Then you cannot have tried Thermogene Brand Medicated Wadding. The soothing self-generated warmth of this fleecy wadding penetrates deep into the tissues to the very seat of the pain, calling up fresh supplies of blood to flow through the congested arteries and relieving the pressure on the nerves.

The pain you thought would never go is no longer there! Thermogene Medicated Wadding can be worn unnoticed by day or night. It is the simple, natural way of relieving the agony of Lumbago, Sciatica, Rheumatism, Neuritis and kindred ailments and the congestion in cases of Bronchitis and Chest Colds.

In the place of pain...

THERMOGENE MEDICATED WADDING

Still obtainable at ORIGINAL prices from all Chemists 1/3 & 3/-

Bevin's "Peace Plot" Warning

OUR "REDS" ARE PAYING WAY

MR. ERNEST BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, HINTED AT A FORTHCOMING PEACE OFFER BY HITLER WHEN COMMUNISTS TRIED TO INTERRUPT HIM AT A MEETING AT EDINBURGH YESTERDAY.

R.A.F. CAUSE RAIL CHAOS IN 35 RAIDS

IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT THE R.A.F. HAVE MADE 35 RAIDS ON BERLIN, IN WHICH NO FEWER THAN 53 ATTACKS WERE MADE ON RAILWAY TARGETS AND, AS A RESULT, THE RAILWAY NETWORK SPREADING ACROSS GERMANY, AND CENTRED ON THE CAPITAL, HAS BEEN DISORGANISED.

Britons who still cry "for retaliatory action against Berlin's population" can be assured that our carefully prepared plan of striking the enemy where it hurts most is causing grave concern to the German military authorities.

While our airmen take every care to see no bomb is wasted, inhabitants of many German cities and towns where there are military or industrial objectives have learned to fear the strong arm of the Royal Air Force.

In addition to raids on Berlin, there have been 85 attacks on Hamm, the marshalling yards for the transport services to the German troops in occupied territories. Lorient, used by the enemy as a submarine base, has been plastered during 30 raids carried out since October—an attack practically every other night.

A Little Sugar With The Castor Oil

Rome, Saturday. MUSSOLINI'S mouthpiece, Signor Gayda, found consolation today in flight of the Italians from Egypt.

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£40,000 JUMP IN LORD MAYOR'S FUND

YESTERDAY'S increase of £2,000 in the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Defense Fund brings the total up to £1,686,000, a jump of £40,000 in a week.

Mr. Norman Birckett's wireless appeal has so far produced more than £19,000.

THAT YULETIDE FEELING

"I know," he said, "that orders have been issued to the Communists of this country, preparatory to Hitler making a peace offer, to disturb meetings."

"I know very well that you have been instructed to try to create the impression that the working class of this country is disunited."

"You have started it, but I do not think it will work."

Mr. Bevin's words were greeted by a storm of applause, and there were shouts directed to the interrupters of "They are Nazis—throw them out!"

"I make no apology for answering the call to be Minister of Labour, and of doing my damndest to beat Nazism," Mr. Bevin continued.

TWO POLICIES

"In the course of history, over the last 100 years, there have been two policies running, Britain's policy of extending self-government and the principle of Nazism and Fascism."

"By the logic of events and by the force of events, these two great issues have conflicted, and one or other must triumph."

"If Nazism triumphed, then everything formed by the working class organisations in this country would be abolished from the moment it did triumph."

"We know that in the next few months enemy strategy is going to be two-fold. He is going to talk peace, but he is going to prepare while he is talking, just as he did at Munich."

"While he tries to kid us about peace, while he gets his friends in this country to shout peace, the most deadly weapons are being prepared to cut the life of this country, and we are not going to be taken in."

Ninety-nine written questions were submitted to Mr. Bevin, but a great many dealt with the same subjects.

Mr. Bevin was asked what he thought about taking away the men's right to strike, and he replied that the British nation could not afford to have strikes in this war.

The British workman did not want to jeopardise his own comrades by striking, provided he felt there was a machine to give him a square deal.

UNEMPLOYMENT

In an interview in Edinburgh last night, Mr. Bevin discussed the present unemployment figures and declared there was not the reservoir of men unemployed now that they had a year ago.

The figures have gone down from about 280,000, which represented the hard core of unemployed at the beginning of 1940, to about 75,000.



Taking home the Christmas tree —1940 style.

"Gladstone Tells Spiritualists" "VICTORY SOONER"

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Bath, Saturday. "MY FRIENDS, YOU ARE GOING TO VICTORY SOONER THAN YOU BELIEVE. GOODNIGHT." THESE WORDS FORMED PART OF A MESSAGE FROM WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE THROUGH A WELSH MEDIUM NAMED DANIEL EDWARDS, AT A BATH SPIRITUALISTIC CIRCLE MEETING, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT TODAY BY SIR JOHN ANDERSON, BART., OF BATH, WHO IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH SIR JOHN ANDERSON, THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

Previously the medium said: "Once more I return to your earth. I have just this last day been with your Premier in the House of Commons."

"If you were to ask Winston Churchill why he tapped the same table as I tapped with my signet ring, he could not tell you why he did it."

Sir John also stated that he had received several messages from his wife who died recently.

Among others who have spoken to the circle through the medium have been Marshall Hall, K.C., and Bonar Law.

Wife Thinks His Pose 'Unsuitable'

WIFE (summoning her husband for arrears of maintenance): He is not playing the game to appear here dressed as a poor man when he has four suits and three clean shirts in his wardrobe.

Husband: When I got home at 9 o'clock the other night I wanted to give my wife an explanation why I was so late, but it was 10.30 before I could say a word. My wife did all the talking.

Wife: My husband says he would have been happier had he been my first husband. He's dead.

Wife: When I asked my husband what the red figures in his bank book meant, he said, "They are the bankers' warning that I am using their money."

Husband: When my wife told me she had lost £1 I said she must be more careful. She promised to make amends but the next week she lost 30s.

Wife: My husband has got Goebbels beaten. Whenever he is the worse for drink he says he is sober.

Husband: My wife has only said "Yes" in answer to questions I have asked her once in her life, and that was when I asked her to marry me.

"EXCESS WAGE TAX" HINT

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AN EXCESS WAGES TAX, AS AN ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE EXCESS PROFITS TAX, IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WITH A VIEW TO ITS INCORPORATION IN THE NEXT BUDGET.

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HUGE INCREASE

By the time the next Budget is introduced, it is expected that wages will be £300,000,000 above the pre-war level.

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But the Government realises that there are obvious difficulties about a ban on all wage increases. So the new tax is being considered in connection with the whole wages policy.

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When she came out her baby was nowhere to be found—the bassinette.

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When it's NO SMOKING

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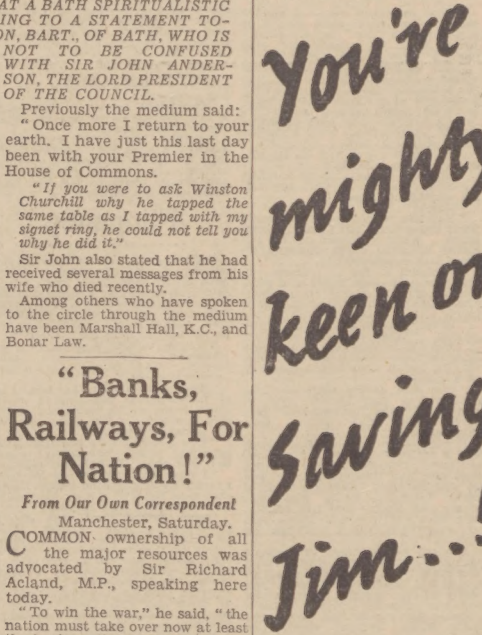
Men and machines—fighting against time—strenuous days—no chance to smoke! That's when it's good to have a tube of Rowntree's Fruit Clear Gums handy. The various real fruit flavours refresh and soothe and help the job along!

ROWNTREE'S Fruit Clear Gums soothe and refresh

2d TUBES . 6d PACKETS

Get 2/4

You're mighty keen on savings Jim...



Jim: Because it seems a good idea to me.

Harry: Who for? For you or the Country?

Jim: For both. It helps to win the war. Also you see, Olive and I are going to get married next Spring if all goes well.

Harry: At the rate you two are putting your money into Savings Certificates, you'll be well off in no time, I should think.

Jim: Not at all! We're saving all we can while we're earning good money. Then we can do something really useful with it when the war's over—when there'll be some satisfaction in spending money.

Harry: I see your point. But still

Jim: And look at it another way. You get so much more than your original money back. Every 15/- Certificate you buy mounts up to 20/6 in ten years. And to have a nice little packet tucked away is a pretty comfortable feeling.

Harry: O.K. I'll double up through our Savings Group at the Works. Actually, I agree with you. I don't feel too happy about spending money on things you can manage to do without, these days. It takes men and materials and machinery off the job of winning the war!

Save regularly week by week: Go to a Post Office or your Bank or Stockbroker and put your money into Defence Bonds or National War Bonds; or buy Savings Certificates; or deposit your savings in the Post Office or Trustee Savings Banks. Join a Savings Group and make others join with you.

THE NATION'S CHRISTMAS CARD free if you buy SAVINGS STAMPS

A most attractive Christmas Card, particularly appropriate to the times. The card has spaces for thirty 6d. Savings Stamps and is a novel Greeting and Gift combined. Solve your Christmas Gift problem by sending this card to your family and friends—particularly to your young friends—with as many Savings Stamps as you can afford. The card is free at any Post Office. It should be posted in a sealed envelope.

Greet your friends and help your Country

Today's Radio Programmes

- ### Home Service
- 7.0 a.m.—Time: News.
 - 7.15—B.B.C. Salon Orchestra.
 - 8.0—Records.
 - 8.15—Stanley Tudor at the Theatre Organ.
 - 9.0—Time: News.
 - 9.15—Records.
 - 9.30—Service.
 - 10.0—Time: News.
 - 10.15—Tendal Taylor (piano).
 - 10.30—Records.
 - 10.45—Records.
 - 11.0—In Town Tonight.
 - 11.15—Poddy's Band.
 - 11.30—Christmas Songs.
 - 11.45—Greek Folk Songs and Dances.
 - 12.0 noon—Christmas Music.
 - 1.0—Time: News.
 - 1.15—Mantovani and his Orchestra.
 - 1.45—Hutch Pitch.
 - 2.15—In Your Garden, by C. H. Middleton.
 - 2.30—Orchestral Concert.
 - 2.45—B.B.C. Military Band.
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GREEKS IN FIERCEST BATTLE

THE FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE GREEK WAR IS BEING FOUGHT N.W. OF POGRADETS, IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT, MESSAGES FROM MONASTIR, ON THE JUGOSLAV FRONTIER, STATED YESTERDAY.

Here the battlefield is said to be strewn with dead and wounded.

In spite of a big artillery barrage put up by the Italians, the Greeks made slight advances. Fighting spread through the snow-covered mountains as the Greeks pushed on towards Berat and Elbasan.

The Italians are bringing up more munitions by air, but the initiative still rests with the Greeks.

Here, according to latest reports, is the position in other sectors: Southern.—Italians are starting to be uneasy about the fate of the port of Chinnarra and are said to have begun moving material out of the town and to be grouping themselves outside to offer strong resistance.

GREEKS GET NEAR

Unconfirmed reports state that the Greeks have advanced to within five miles of the port.

Central.—Greeks have gained more ground north-west of Premeti. Moving steadily and using their tactic of flanking the enemy and driving him from high ground at bayonet point, the Greeks have gained much territory and have established themselves in the adjoining high ranges.

A spokesman of the Greek Press Ministry said yesterday that Italian prisoners of war number 200 officers and 7,000 men. This figure does not include the more recent captures.

Boots includes 120 guns, 55 anti-tank guns, many tanks, 250 cars, 15,000 motor-cycles and bicycles and vast quantities of munitions. One thing is worrying the Greeks—that they will not drive the Italians into the sea before the British do in Africa.

Yesterday's Italian communiqué said the Greek attacks had been repulsed and that Italian troops counter-attacked. It added: "The Italian air force has effectively been concentrated on the march, using successive waves of bombers and dive-bombers.—A.P. and Reuter messages."

According to the Exchange from Athens, it is reported that Italian troops are seizing all stocks of flour from the bakeries in Tirana and are leaving the population to starve.

Mussolini May Quit

Peace Drive By Royalists

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

MUSSOLINI AND THE FASCIST REGIME MAY "TAKE THE RAP" INSIDE THEIR OWN COUNTRY BEFORE LONG. THEIR RECENT MILITARY FAILURES—ESPECIALLY THE PRESENT BRITISH ONSLAUGHT ON MARSHAL GRAZIANI—HAVE SHOCKED THE WHOLE OF ITALY INTO A DESPERATION WHICH BLAMES FASCIST SUBSERVENCE TO NAZI DIPLOMACY FOR THE PERIL IN WHICH THE NATION IS TODAY.

At the moment there is no question of a revolution, but the speed with which events are moving has forced the Fascist leaders to realise that their Government is rapidly being pushed to the brink of a precipice.

That, in fact, there are only two alternatives before them in view of the shaken morale of their troops, the increased vulnerability of their communications, the pressure of the British blockade, and the revulsion of home feeling—either capitulation to Britain or national domination by Hitler.

ITALY WONDERS

If peace can be made with Britain they are wondering whether it might be just possible to save both their regime and their country at the cost of their overseas possessions before their navy is lost, their man power decimated and their people starved.

If Hitler is invited to save them on his own terms (exclusively revealed in "The People" last Sunday) the reaction on the Italian people may well result in the elimination of Fascism and especially of the Fascist leaders.

A decision will have to be made without delay. . . . Or has British initiative taken the decision out of Axis hands?

That is the essence of the situation south of the Brenner as described in reliable information which has just reached me. I am given to understand that the Hitler-Mussolini line is in a position to carry out his own wishes with any degree of surety, and also that whatever joint decisions may be reached, it is by no means certain that these can be executed successfully.

The unexpected hammer blows being dealt Italy—to counter which no serious Axis provision has been made—have also affected Germany in a serious degree.

They are intensifying the difficulties in securing that breathing-space to recast their plans which is now vital to both Dictators if they are to stop the spread of the defeatism in Axis countries.

The Italian situation has assumed all the potentialities of a possible war between Mussolini and people that he represents—and his people.

HATE OF NAZIS

The Royalist nobility, landowners, professional classes and many of the officers in the army—who have the support of the agricultural population, are now openly formulating serious charges against the Fascists.

They hate the Nazis and want early peace with Britain. Their power is growing stronger as Fascist reverses multiply and Mussolini's stock drops.

Nevertheless, even this situation does not necessarily mean civil war, because the bulk of the Fascist rank and file also fear and hate the thought of Nazi domination and might join the royalists to unite against possible future control by Hitler.

Hitler realises this. After the years of Nazi-Fascist propaganda and the trumpeting of the Rome-Berlin alliance, any popular Italian opposition to his ideas of "saving" Italy from Britain may make the German position worse instead of better.

It will also strengthen Balkan unity against the Nazis while imposing considerable extra strain on the German military machine in dealing with a situation entirely unprovided for and quite beyond their war scheme.

I am told that from a military point of view a Nazi campaign had been planned to drive into the Mediterranean must therefore

fall decisively with all these other factors preventing unhampered action.

Hitler cannot afford to risk a similar showdown to that now being experienced by Mussolini. On the other hand, Britain is being more favourably placed—both strategically and diplomatically—every day.

In addition to these problems of the immediate future, German anxieties of having to meet us on the other hand, Europe are not growing less. Only this week Nazi Commander-in-Chief Von Brauchsch completed the inspection of the big armies stationed on the Soviet frontier and immobilised there on account of Berlin's suspicious of Moscow.

Britain will certainly never underestimate the striking power still at Hitler's disposal, but I can emphasise that this time we have set in motion our own well-planned strategy to take full advantage of the internal troubles of the enemy.

How real is Hitler's fear of the seizing of the initiative by Britain is well reflected in his recent speech in which, for the first time in his long history of intrigue against us, he allowed the possibility of having to meet us on the Continent on the offensive instead of in desperate defence on our own shores.

HITLER'S QUANDARY

But the immediate goal aimed at is the earliest possible collapse of Italy and the prevention of an adequate counter-attack with or without Nazi participation—and I have good reason for emphasising that this goal will be achieved.

In his quandary Hitler's main effort to lessen our own hitting power may take the form of yet further intensification of air and submarine attacks on our ports and from routes, but here, too, we are taking every possible counter action.

Since the battering of Nazi submarine bases our shipping losses have decreased, and on the high seas—though the story may not yet be told—it is significant that Nazi claims are growing weaker as our overseas supplies—with the accent on American war material—continue to reach us.

"Heavy Gunfire" In Adriatic

THERE was no official confirmation in London last night of reports that the British Navy had been attacking Italian transports in the Adriatic.

Messages from the Yugoslavian port of Dubrovnik declared that heavy firing was heard and later a Yugoslav aeroplane sighted a patch of oil on the sea.

STAR SERIOUSLY ILL

Hollywood, Saturday. Warner Brothers announce that film star Olivia De Havilland, stricken with appendicitis at San Tafo, New Mexico, has taken a turn for the worse and has chartered a plane to return to Hollywood.—Exchange.

STOP PRESS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1940

NEW GREEK SUCCESS

With the Greek Army on the Northern Front: The Greeks have achieved a new success north-west of Pogradets. They have man-hauled guns on to a high mountain covered with snow. The Italians had attempted a counter-attack but suffered considerable losses.

The Greeks occupied the mountain where they found about 100 dead Italians and a quantity of material.—Exchange.

KING'S BIRTHDAY TOUR

The King—it was his 45th birthday—and Queen spent an hour with the troops yesterday. They inspected men drilling, visited their quarters, and went through various mess-rooms, watching Tommy's dinner being prepared.

"AREN'T I A BIG GIRL!"

—from "Photograms of the Year."



Losses At Mayfair Hotels

"LORD BRAEMAR" DRUG CHARGE

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

DRUG CHARGES HAVE TO BE FACED AT ANOTHER COURT BY HAROLD PICKARD, A TWENTY-ONE-YEARS-OLD ENGINEER, WHO WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE GIVEN THE NAME OF "LORD BRAEMAR," IN ADDITION TO CHARGES OF THEFT FROM PARK-LANE HOTELS, ON WHICH THE MARLBOROUGH STREET MAGISTRATE YESTERDAY SENT HIM FOR TRIAL.

He was remanded to the West London Court while the Director of Public Prosecutions is consulted with regard to other property, understood to be drugs, found in his possession.

Sir Gervais' Rentoul, the

"TEST" CRICKETER KILLED

PILOT OFFICER George G. Macaulay, the former England and Yorkshire cricketer, has died on active service. The news was received yesterday by Mrs. Macaulay at her home in Yorkshire. Macaulay was aged forty-four.

He joined the R.A.F. early in the year. In the last war he served with the Royal Field Artillery.

Macaulay assisted Yorkshire for fifteen seasons. He took 1,773 wickets for the county at an average cost of 17.08 runs, performing the hat-trick four times.

He scored 5,759 runs for the county, his average being 18.11. Since retiring from first-class cricket in 1935 he had played with League sides in Wales, Lancashire and Yorkshire. When at his best, Macaulay was recognised as the finest off-break bowler in the country.

SECRET INQUIRY ON M.P. Mr. Mander (L. Wolverhampton, E.) is to ask Mr. Churchill if he will consider appointing a select committee to consider, if necessary in secret, facts in the case of Capt. A. H. M. Ramsay, member for Prebys and Midlothian, arising out of his detention under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, and to report to the house their conclusions and recommendations.

TOMMIES AID HURT FOES

Cairo, Saturday. FIRST batch of wounded Italian prisoners from the Western Desert arrived in Cairo during the night.

In the light of a full moon the sleek white train steamed into Cairo Central Station at midnight. Normally packed at this season with care-free tourists, it had now been turned into a hospital train, adorned with red crosses.

As it came to a halt, soldiers and volunteer British helpers,

with ambulances waiting in the courtyard, hurried to assist the wounded. Most cases were serious. Carefully they carried them on stretchers to the ambulances, which bore them off to hospital.

Prisoners less badly hurt were sitting up and looking cheerfully around. British Tommies immediately offered them cigarettes, and one was heard to say: "Come on mate, 'ave a gasper."

Some British wounded were aboard the train and the less serious injured at the hospital with their arms round the necks of comrades.

Tonight's Black-out Times

BEGINS ENDS
London 5.19 p.m. 8.32 a.m.
Glasgow 5.19 p.m. 8.12 a.m.
Newcastle 5.8 p.m. 8.56 a.m.
Plymouth 5.41 p.m. 8.44 a.m.
Hollyhead 5.29 p.m. 8.59 a.m.
Hull 5.9 p.m. 8.45 a.m.

Times for Edinburgh, Dundee and Leeds are approximately the same as those of Glasgow, Hollyhead and Hull respectively. Facts supplied and checked by the Automobile Association.

Mystery Of The Dictators

Hitler Reported Ready To Pounce

Special to "The People"

ITALY YESTERDAY WAS WORLD MYSTERY No. 1. HER REVERSES IN ALBANIA AND NORTHERN AFRICA; HER TROUBLES AT HOME; AND POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING HER UNCERTAIN FUTURE, MAY BE SUMMARISED BY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES REACHING LONDON:—

(1) Denial from the official German News Agency that Hitler and Mussolini have met in the past few days.

(2) Informed circles in Rome said such a meeting was possible soon; but, later, officials denied that a meeting was planned at present.

(3) Private reports to Washington from Europe indicate that Italy is rapidly moving towards a serious internal crisis.

(4) Report reaching the "New York Daily News" says that troops are massing in South-West Germany and Austria.

(5) According to this report Hitler has perfected a plan for a sudden drive into the industrial North of Italy to seize factories before the British could get there.

The report adds that all territories bordering on France, Switzerland and Italy have been emptied of Jews and foreigners, as were the areas around the Baltic ports before Germany attacked Norway and Denmark.

Quoting private advice smuggled from Germany, the report declares that Hitler's scheme is due to his fears that Mussolini's regime may collapse as a result of Italian defeats.

So far as a Hitler-Mussolini meeting is concerned, a German official spokesman, quoted by Belgrade Radio, declared that nothing was known about such a meeting being planned—a statement contradictory to that coming from Rome.

But the report that Mussolini is in a quandary is strengthened by the following statement from an informed Nazi source to an American:—"It looks as though we shall have to take over all Italy. We have plenty of Gestapo agents all over the country."

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